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R. G. BRETT,
Lieutenant Governor.

CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

TO OUR FAITHFUL THE MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to every of you, GREETING:

PROCLAMATION.

C. W. CROSS, *Attorney General.* **W**HEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta, WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested, on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of the MONTH OF FEBRUARY NOW NEXT, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of Alberta by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

Herein fail not.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these OUR LETTERS to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: ROBERT GEORGE BRETT, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, at Our Government House, in Our City of Edmonton, in Our said Province, this TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen, and in the SIXTH year of Our Reign.

By Command,

E. TROWBRIDGE,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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FOURTH SESSION—THIRD LEGISLATURE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

This being the first day of the Fourth Session of the Third Legislature of the Province of Alberta for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor, and the House having met, His Honour entered the House and having taken his seat on the Throne was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

“MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

“It gives me pleasure to welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Third Legislature of the Province of Alberta.

“It is to me a source of gratification that this, my first opportunity of bidding you welcome at the opening of a Session, is at a time when we have cause for great rejoicing over the bountiful harvest which has been the result of the labours of our people, under Divine guidance. Never before in the history of this or any other country have the labours of farmers been repaid by such great results, and probably there never could have been a time when they were more required in the interests of the people and of better advantage to the Empire.

“The question of the Great War in which the Empire, of which we are a part, is now engaged, is one that occupies to a large extent the attention of all who are in any way interested in public matters. The time that has already elapsed since the starting of the war, the enormous numbers of people engaged in the same, the way in which hostilities have spread in ever widening circles, bring forcibly to our attention the fact of this being unique in the history of wars, and should cause us to meditate seriously on the best ways in which we can assist in bringing the war to a successful conclusion.

"Since your last Session, the people of Alberta have, under the provisions of The Direct Legislation Act, passed by a large majority a Bill for the prohibition of the liquor traffic within the boundaries of Alberta. This Bill will be presented to you for your consideration.

"For many years there has been a growing feeling that the equality of the sexes should be recognized, and that the women, who, perhaps in a special degree in a new country, have aided in the development, put up with the hardships, and assisted in the prosperity, should have the right to take an equal part in the government of the country. My Government has considered this question, and has decided that so far as the Legislature has power, this equality should in Alberta be fixed by law, and that for the future there should be no distinction of sexes in our Province.

"A small number of other Public and Private Bills will be introduced at this Session, which I commend to your serious consideration.

"The Public Accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you, as well as the Estimates for the amounts required for expenditure during the coming year, all prepared with due regard to economy and the requirements of the Public Service.

"**GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:**

"I now leave you to the business of the Session, having full confidence that your deliberations will be divinely guided to the best interests and welfare of the Province."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Sifton have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.

The Bill was read a First time.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having first been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes:

1. On Privileges and Elections.
2. On Railways.
3. On Miscellaneous and Private Bills.
4. On Standing Orders.
5. On Public Accounts.
6. On Printing.
7. On Municipal Law.
8. On Legal Bills.
9. On Agriculture and Colonization.

Which said several Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and to inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That a Special Committee of nine Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, and that the said Committee be composed as follows:

Messieurs Sifton, Mitchell, Stewart, Boyle, Glendenning, Whiteside, Michener, Tweedie and Hoadley.

The House adjourned at 3.20 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Sifton have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Sifton have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Equal Suffrage."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Cross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Statute Law."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Marshall have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Women's Institutes."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

The Clerk of the House referred to the fact that he had been requested during the 1914 Session to prepare Rules, etc., for the use of the Legislative Assembly, and stated that he now laid the proposed new Rules, Orders, and Regulations on the Table of the House.

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Stewart,

Ordered, That a Select Committee of eight Members be appointed to consider the proposed Rules, Regulations, and Orders, submitted by the Clerk of the House, and to report to the House respecting the same with all convenient speed, and that the following be the Members of the Committee:

Messieurs Fisher, Mitchell, Gariepy, Boyle, Whiteside, Michener, Tweedie, Ewing.

The House adjourned at 3.15 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of the members to compose the Standing Committees of the House, reported as follows:

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. W. Gariepy, Messieurs McNaughton (Chairman), Turgeon, Glendenning, Tweedie, Ewing, Hillocks.

MUNICIPAL LAW.—Hon. W. Gariepy, Hon. C. Stewart, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Messieurs Smith (Chairman), Turgeon, Leffingwell, Lessard, Boudreau, McNaughton, Montgomery, McArthur, Michener, Hillocks, Kemmis, Tweedie, Ewing, Patterson (Macleod).

LEGAL BILLS.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. W. Gariepy, Messieurs A. G. MacKay (Chairman), G. P. Smith, Ewing, Blow, Crawford.

STANDING ORDERS.—Hon. A. J. McLean, Messieurs Puffer (Chairman), Leffingwell, Lessard, Montgomery, Moffatt, Patterson (MacLeod), Archer, Weidenhammer.

PRINTING.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Messieurs Campbell (Ponoka) (Chairman), Gunn, MacDonald, McArthur, McColl, Lowery, Weidenhammer, Archer.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. C. Stewart, Hon. W. Gariepy, Messieurs Whiteside (Chairman), Turgeon, McColl, McNaughton, McArthur, Smith, Tobin, Leffingwell, Boudreau, Campbell (Ponoka), Tweedie, Hoadley, Kemmis, Campbell (Rocky Mountain), Crawford, Ewing, Blow.

MISCELLANEOUS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. W. Gariepy, Messieurs Glendenning (Chairman), McCallum, Puffer, Smith, Woolf, MacKay, Lessard, Turgeon, Tweedie, Hoadley, Hillocks, Campbell (Rocky Mountain), Stanley, Patterson (Peace River).

RAILWAYS.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Hon. C. Stewart, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. D. Marshall, Hon. A. J. McLean, Hon. W. Gariepy, Hon. C. W. Fisher, Messieurs J. L. Cote (Chairman), C. S. Pingle, J. G. Turgeon, L. Boudreau, P. E. Lessard, R. L. Shaw, J. S. McCallum, F. A. Walker, F. S. Leffingwell, H. J. Montgomery, A. S. Shandro, J. A. MacColl, A. G. MacKay, G. P. Smith, M. Woolf, W. Moffatt, H. W. McKenney, F. H. Whiteside, J. E. Stauffer, J. P. McArthur, R. B. Eaton, W. F. Puffer, P. Gunn, S. G. Tobin, J. McNaughton, J. M. Glendenning, G. MacDonald, Dr. W. A. Campbell, E. Michener, T. M. M. Tweedie, A. F. Ewing, H. H. Crawford, F. Archer, Dr. T. H. Blow, S. B. Hillocks, J. R. Lowery, Dr. G. D. Stanley, Dr. J. S. Stewart, P. Patterson, N. Spencer, G. Hoadley, A. Patterson, J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R. Campbell, C. Weidenhammer, G. E. LeRoy Hudson.

AGRICULTURE.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Hon. C. Stewart, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. D. Marshall, Hon. A. J. McLean, Hon. W. Gariepy, Hon. C. W. Fisher, Messieurs J. L. Cote, C. S. Pingle, J. G. Turgeon, L. Boudreau, P. E. Lessard, R. L. Shaw, J. S. McCallum, F. A. Walker (Chairman), F. S. Leffingwell, H. J. Montgomery, A. S. Shandro, J. A. MacColl, A. G. MacKay, G. P. Smith, M. Woolf, W. Moffatt, H. W. McKenney, F. H. Whiteside, J. E. Stauffer, J. P. McArthur, R. B. Eaton, W. F. Puffer, P. Gunn, S. G. Tobin, J. McNaughton, J. M. Glendenning, G. MacDonald, Dr. W. A. Campbell, E. Michener, T. M. M. Tweedie, A. F. Ewing, H. H. Crawford, F. Archer, Dr. T. H. Blow, S. B. Hillocks, J. R. Lowery, Dr. G. D. Stanley, Dr. J. S. Stewart, R. Patterson, N. Spencer, G. Hoadley, A. Patterson, J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R. Campbell, C. Weidenhammer, G. E. LeRoy Hudson.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Stewart have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Drainage."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. McLean have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Registration of Change of Name."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Boyle have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, and The Truancy Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Thursday next.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Tobin:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

"To HIS HONOUR ROBERT GEORGE BRETT,

Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta :

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank your Honour for the gracious Speech your Honour has addressed to us."

And a debate arising thereon,

On the motion of Mr. Whiteside,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

The Deputy Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Boyle, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta, for the year ended December 31st, 1915. *(Sessional Paper No. 1.)*

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House,

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Kemmis the debate was adjourned to Thursday.

The House adjourned at 5 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Dr. Stanley moved the adjournment of the House in order to place before the House certain matters relating to the Administration of the Liquor License Branch of the Department of the Attorney General.

By leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Puffer, Of the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Association of Alberta, for an Act to incorporate said Association.

By Mr. Tweedie, Of the United Assurance Company of Canada, Limited, for an Act to incorporate said Company.

By Mr. Tweedie, Of the City of Calgary, for an Act to amend the City Charter.

By Mr. Smith, Of The Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America, for an Act to incorporate said Society.

By the Hon. Mr. McLean, Of the Taber Transit Company, for an Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session).

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 2, An Act to provide for Equal Suffrage,

A debate followed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House adjourned at 5.20 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petitions were read and received:

For an Act incorporating the United Assurance Company of Canada, Limited.

For an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Calgary.

For an Act to incorporate the Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America.

For an Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being an Act to incorporate the Taber Transit Company.

Moved by Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

Copies of all petitions, letters and other documents in the possession of the Government in any way, relating to the work of Charlie King, of Lethbridge, as weed inspector.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That the House do refer to the Committee on Public Accounts all matters relating to the Auditing of the Public Accounts of the Province since the coming into force of The Alberta Act, September 1st, 1905.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That the House do refer to the Committee on Public Accounts the following matters: All Public Accounts for the Province from the coming into effect of The Alberta Act, September 1st, 1905, to date.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That the House do refer to the Committee on Public Accounts for investigation all matters in any way relating to the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges by the Government since the coming into effect of The Alberta Act, September 1st, 1905.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That the House do refer to the Committee on Public Accounts all matters in any way relating to the incorporation, guarantee of bonds, loans by Province to construction, maintenance and operation of—

(a) Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway Company;

(b) Central Canada Railway Company;

(c) Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House,

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Puffer the debate was adjourned to Friday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech to the House,

The debate continued.

The motion being again proposed it was unanimously agreed to as follows:

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Tobin:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, as follows:

"To HIS HONOUR ROBERT GEORGE BRETT,

Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta :

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly now assembled, beg leave to thank your Honour for the gracious Speech your Honour has addressed to us."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Ordered, That the address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by such members of this House as are members of the Executive Council.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That this House do resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 1, "An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 4, "An Act respecting Drainage,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 10, "An Act for Registration of a Change of Name,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 18, "An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, and The Truancy Act,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 2, "An Act to provide for Equal Suffrage," and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Campbell (Ponoka) reported the Bill without amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 4.30 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

The following petitions were presented:

By Dr. Stanley, Of the Town of High River, for an Act respecting the Town of High River.

By Mr. Hoadley, Of the City of Lethbridge, for an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Lethbridge.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor signed by His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor.

"The Lieutenant Governor transmits supplementary estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1915, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"Government House,

"Edmonton, March 6th, 1916."

Mr. Speaker read the message to the House (the members standing and being uncovered).

Ordered, That the message of His Honour with the Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor.

"The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1916, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"Government House,

"Edmonton, March 6th, 1916."

Mr. Speaker read the message to the House (the members standing and being uncovered).

Ordered, That the message of His Honour with the Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, signed by His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor.

"The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of the sum required for the service of the province for the three months ending March 31st, 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

"Government House,

"Edmonton, March 6th, 1916."

Mr. Speaker read the message to the House (the members standing and being uncovered).

Ordered, That the message of His Honour with the Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 14, An Act to amend the Statute Law,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 11, An Act respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 2, An Act to Provide for Equal Suffrage,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to Provide for Equal Suffrage."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 1, respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Stauffer reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, respecting Drainage, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Stauffer reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The following petition was presented:

By Hon. Mr. Cross, Of the City of Edmonton for an Act to amend the City Charter.

The following petitions were read and received:

For an Act respecting the Municipality of the Town of High River.

For an Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter.

Mr. Puffer, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

1. That with respect to the petition for an Act to incorporate the United Assurance Company of Canada (Bill No. 5);

2. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Calgary (Bill No. 12);

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with regard to advertising and payment of fees have been fully complied with and recommends that leave be granted to introduce said Bills.

The Committee begs to further report as follows:

3. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Taber Transit Company (Bill No. 16);

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House respecting payment of fees have been fully complied with, but that the Rules with regard to advertising have been only partially complied with; but upon consideration the Committee finds it expedient that the Rules be suspended and that leave be granted to introduce said Bill.

Ordered, that the report be received and concurred in.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the Public Accounts of the Province of Alberta, for the year ending December 31, 1915. (*Sessional Paper No. 2*)

Mr. Patterson (Macleod) asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Q. (1) What was the total amount collected from the Succession Duties up to January 1, 1916?

A. \$375,221.03.

Q. (2) What amount was collected each year since Act came into force?

A. 1905 (4 mos.).....	\$ 1,025.00
1906.....	1,054.62
1907.....	484.00
1908.....	1,788.06
1909.....	10,335.87
1910.....	26,260.53
1911.....	30,871.00
1912.....	54,099.64
1913.....	66,534.93
1914.....	72,353.18
1915.....	110,414.20

Mr. Hoadley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Q. (1) Has the Government given a contract for the boring for gas at Ponoka?

A. No.

Q. (2) If so, to whom, and upon what terms?

A. Have been negotiating with the Northern America Exploration Company but no contract entered into.

Q. (3) Who is superintending the work?

A. No work done.

Mr. Hoadley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Q. (1) Has the Government given a contract for the boring for water at Ponoka?

A. No.

Q. (2) If so, to whom, and upon what terms?

A. Have been negotiating with the Northern America Exploration Company who offered to drill a fourteen inch hole to a depth of three hundred feet for the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

Q. (3) Who is superintending the work?

A. No work done.

Mr. Hoadley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. (1) Name of Commissioner for the Province of Alberta in London?

A. John Alexander Reid.

Q. (2) Date of appointment?

A. August 1, 1913.

Q. (3) Date upon which he commenced his duties in London?

A. Mr. Reid was engaged on preliminary work at Edmonton in connection with his appointment as Agent General, and did not take up his duties in London, until September, 1913.

Q. (4) Did the Government pay expenses for moving him and his family to London?

A. Transportation and subsistence were allowed to London, England.

Q. (5) What amount has been paid year by year in connection with his office?

A. 1913, \$8,302.48; 1914, \$16,342.48; 1915, \$16,816.81.

Rent.

(1) 1913, \$1,036.60; 1914, \$4,302.13; 1915, \$4,297.96.

Commissioner's Salary.

(2) Yearly salary, \$7,200.00. No change since appointment.

Commissioner's Personal Expenses.

(3) Nil.

Employees, Giving Name and Duty.

(4)	1913	1914	1915
Miss K. Hughes, Clerk.....	\$375.00	\$1,647.00	\$1,606.00
Miss R. Gordon, Stenographer	64.32	555.00	710.00
Mr. F. Young, Clerk.....	35.74

Advertising.

(5) 1913, nil; 1914, \$2,189.14; 1915, \$485.86.

Other Expenses.

(6) Office Furnishings, Printing, Postage, Cables, etc.: 1913, \$4,826.56; 1914, \$1,613.47; 1915, \$916.99.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. (1) What is the mileage length of the Pibroch Telephone Toll Line?

A. Pole miles, 8. Metallic wire miles, 8.50.

Q. (2) Was same built by day work or by tender?

A. Tender.

Q. (3) What is the cost of said toll line?

A. Total cost completed line, \$1,385.77.

Q. (4) When was said line completed?

A. July 13th, 1915.

Q. (5) What revenue has the Government received each month from said toll line since completion?

A. July, 1915.....	Nil
August, 1915.....	\$2.70
September, 1915.....	1.20
October, 1915.....	.60
November, 1915.....	.40
December, 1915.....	1.50
January, 1916.....	3.00
February, 1916.....	4.65

Dr. Stanley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

Q. (1) What is the number of convictions against licensees for violations of The Liquor License Ordinance—

(a) During 1914?

A. Eight.

(b) During the first six months of 1915?

A. Fourteen.

(c) During the last six months of 1915?

A. Fourteen.

Q. (2) What are the amounts of fines collected for such convictions—

(a) During 1914?

A. \$395.00.

(b) During the first six months of 1915?

A. \$586.00.

(c) During the last six months of 1915?

A. \$860.00.

Q. (3) What is the total number of days of confinement in gaol served for such offences?

(a) During 1914?

A. None.

(b) During the first six months of 1915?

A. None.

(c) During the last six months of 1915?

A. None.

Mr. Michener asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. (1) At this date what amount stands to the credit of the Provincial Treasurer on account of the sales of railway bonds guaranteed by the Province?

A. \$7,501,240.19.

Q. (2) At this date what is the total amount paid out on account of executed railway guarantees?

A. Principal.....	\$26,055,903.87
Interest.....	2,356,847.33
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Total.....	\$28,412,751.20

Mr. Michener asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. (1) Have any railway bonds guaranteed by the Province of Alberta been sold since March 1, 1915?

Q. (2) If so, who purchased them and what were the respective dates of sales?

Q. (3) What was the price paid in each case?

Q. (4) What was the net amount received in each case?

Q. (5) In what bank or banks was the money or moneys deposited and upon what date were the respective deposits made?

Q. (6) What is the total amount of payments from proceeds of such sales since March 1, 1915?

Q. (7) To whom and when were such payments made and what was the amount in each case?

Q. (8) What is the balance if any, remaining in such bank or banks as at this date?

A. No guaranteed railway bonds have been sold since March 1, 1915.

Mr. Michener asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. (1) What are the amounts of railway guarantees executed and paid out under An Act to Authorize the Guarantee of certain Securities of the Canadian Northern Western Railway Company, and according to the schedule thereto, being chapter 19 of the Statutes of 1911-12?

<i>Branch Line</i>	<i>Amount Executed</i>	<i>Amount Paid Out</i>
From Onoway to Pine Pass.....	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,118,448.00
From Oliver to St Paul.....	1,800,000.00	557,604.00
From Bruderheim to Vermilion, etc.	390,000.00	18,629.13
From Calgary to Brazeau Line....	1,300,000.00	208,336.56
From Camrose to Alsask.....	1,040,000.00	518,815.44
From Strathcona S.W.....	300,000.00	171,874.20
From Blackfalds to Goose Lake L.	1,540,500.00	902,424.90
	\$8,370,500.00	\$3,496,132.23

Q. (2) In what bank or banks and on what dates were deposits made on account of each guarantee executed according to the above named schedule to the Act?

A. Deposits were made in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Edmonton, covering the lines shown above, as follows:

November 29, 1912.....	\$2,137,500.00
October 23, 1913.....	404,497.91
April 14, 1914.....	405,739.82
May 19, 1914.....	2,489,696.13

Mr. Michener asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Q. What provincial bonds have been sold since March 1, 1915?

A. \$4,117,833.34.

Q. What was the net proceeds of such sales?

A. \$3,832,634.34.

Q. What disposition was made of the moneys thus received?

A. The proceeds of \$2,000,000.00 was advanced to the Central Canada Railway Company as provided under Chapter 29, 1914, and amendment. The money advanced stands in the name of the Provincial Treasurer on account of the Central Canada Railway Company, and is only paid over to the Railway Company on progressive estimates of actual work done. The balance was expended under the provisions of The Treasury Act as shown in detail in the Public Accounts for the year 1915, as provided in the estimates.

Mr. Michener asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton and the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Q. What is the sum total of railway guarantees of the Province as at this date?

A. \$43,100,450.00.

Q. What is the total amount of railway securities authorized by the Province at this date?

A. \$59,410,450.00.

Q. What is the actual debt of the Province as at this date?

A. \$26,733,178.79.

Q. Apart from the proceeds of authorized railway securities what amount stands to the credit of the Provincial Treasurer as at this date?

A. \$941,202.21.

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Q. How many miles of road allowance was under rent to private parties on the 31st of December last?

A. 153 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

Q. How long do the leases run?

A. All leases expire on the 31st of December of each year.

Q. What is the rent charged per acre?

A. \$2.00 per mile or fraction thereof.

Q. How much did the total rents for 1915 amount to and how much has been paid?

A. Total rents, \$336.00. Rents paid, \$336.00.

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Gariepy:

Q. How many acres of land were assessed under The Wild Lands Tax Act in the year 1915?

A. 8,110,955.

Q. How much of that was arable land?

A. No return as to the amount of arable land is required or provided for.

Q. On what basis was the assessment made?

A. Assessment was made on the basis set forth in Section 10 of The Wild Lands Tax Act.

Q. What was the total amount of taxes levied?

A. \$699,824.01.

Q. How much had been collected up to January, 1916?

A. \$199,893.72.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Q. What building or buildings were erected by the Government on the Demonstration Farm at Vermilion in 1915?

A. The Stock Pavilion and Agronomy Building.

Q. Who were the tenderers and the amount of each tender?

A. Tenders were called for in June, 1914, and tenders received were as follows:

E. F. Snowden..... \$4,375.00

P. G. Pilkie..... 4,930.00

H. H. Robinson..... 5,450.00

Smith Bros. & Wilson..... 5,596.00

Q. In what papers were such tenders advertised?

A. "Viking News," "Lethbridge Herald," "Claresholm Review," "Olds Gazette," "Vermilion Standard," "Calgary Albertan," "Edmonton Bulletin," and "The Building World," Calgary. These advertisements called for tenders on the three buildings—Olds, Vermilion and Claresholm.

Q. What was the cost of the said building or buildings?

A. \$6,373.96. This was for a larger building, however, than the original plan showed.

Q. To whom was the contract awarded and was the usual bond guarantee furnished by him? If not, why?

A. No contract was awarded in 1914. In 1915 plans for a larger building were prepared and P. G. Pilkie was asked to re-tender and was awarded the contract for the sum of \$5,901.45. He found it impossible to obtain bond, but his marked cheque was retained until the contract was completed.

Mr. Ewing asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. What is the total amount paid to the Lacombe and Blindman Valley Railway Company out of the moneys received in respect of the guarantee of the Province?

A. \$116,623.44.

Q. Has any default been made in the payment of the guaranteed bonds, and if so, what sums, if any, have been paid by the Province by reason of such default?

A. April 21st, 1915, \$6,842.50. October 21st, 1915, \$6,820.00. The Province has accrued interest amounting to \$5,100.45.

Q. What steps, if any, have the Government taken to assert the rights of the Province resulting from such default?

A. No action has been taken. The rights of the Province are fully protected by mortgages.

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Q. Is T. Crawford, Innisfail, in the employ of the Government?

A. Yes.

Q. (1) In what capacity?

A. Inspector of Insurance Agencies.

Q. (2) What are his specific duties?

A. (a) To ascertain if any insurance agents are operating without the required certificate of authority.

(b) To investigate any charges or complaints against insurance agents holding certificates and any alleged violations of The Alberta Insurance Act.

(c) To investigate any complaints against the methods of doing business of any company registered in the Province.

(d) To report on these matters to the Department from time to time and to assist in taking such measures as may be decided upon.

Q. (3) What salary does he get?

A. \$1,200.00 per annum.

Whereas the following charges have been made by Dr. Stanley, Hon. Member for High River:

1. That the Government or its agents have from time to time received large sums of money from the licensees of the Province or the Licensed Victuallers' Association for election purposes;

2. That large sums of money have from time to time been paid by the licensees of the Province to agents or officials of the Government for the purpose of obtaining concessions from the Government in connection with liquor licenses;

3. That thousands of dollars have been paid to agents of the Government to stifle prosecutions under The Liquor License Ordinance;

4. In the year 1914 a large number of licensees of the Province paid the sum of \$25,000.00 to the agents of the Government to secure immunity from further extortions at the instance of such agents,

Moved by Dr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Crawford:

That the Speaker do now leave the chair to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that he will be graciously pleased to appoint a commission consisting of three judges of the Supreme Court of Alberta to make an inquiry into the administration of the Liquor License Branch of the Department of the Attorney General, and that a said commission have all the powers and authority mentioned in section two (2) of the Act respecting Enquiries Concerning Public Matters, by chapter two (2) of the Statutes of Alberta of 1908, and in addition such power or authority as the said commission would have if acting as justices of the said Court in relation to a cause or matter in the said Court, and to make a report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council in respect to the said matter for the information of the Legislature. The selection of Counsel to assist in the conduct of the said inquiry shall be made by the said Commissioners, but the Commissioners may have other Counsel than those selected by them if they deem it advisable in the public interests to do so.

A debate followed.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker left the chair.

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The debate continued.

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Hillocks.
 Stanley.
 Kemmis.
 Ewing.
 Michener.
 Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).
 Crawford.
 Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
 Blow.
 Archer.
 Weidenhammer.
 Patterson (Peace River). 14

Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.
 Gariepy.
 Marshall.
 Cross.
 Sifton.
 Mitchell.
 Stewart.
 McLean.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 MacDonald.
 Campbell (Ponoka).
 Smith.
 Puffer.
 Gunn.
 McKenny.
 Woolf.
 McColl.
 McArthur.
 Shaw.
 Lessard.
 Glendenning.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 McNaughton.
 Tobin.
 McCallum.
 Montgomery.
 Shandro.

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The motion was therefore lost.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain):

That an Order of this House do issue for a return showing:

All bills and vouchers which go to make up pay lists, \$1,246, in construction of Black Mud Creek Bridge at Section 1, Township 52, Range 25, west of the 4th, in 1914.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Mr. Crawford:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

1. What is the name and amount of each railway security guaranteed by the Province.

2. What is the net amount received, bank, and date as above referred to?

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 8.30 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker laid on the Table of the House the report of the Provincial Librarian. *(Sessional Paper No. 3.)*

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Tweedie: Of the Rural Municipality of Beddington, No. 250, for an Act to ratify and confirm the Tax Enforcement Return of said Municipality.

By Mr. Lessard: Of the Edmonton Power Company, for an Act to ratify and confirm By-law 663 of the City of Edmonton.

By Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain): Of the Canmore Railway Company, for an Act incorporating the above company.

By Mr. Woolf: Of Oscar Dayton Weeks, of Cardston, to authorize him to practice as a Physician in this Province.

By Mr. Michener: Of the City of Red Deer, for an Act to amend the Acts relating to the City of Red Deer.

By Mr. Tweedie: Of the Ranchmen's Club of Calgary, for an Act to amend Ordinance 34 of 1891-92, being an Act to incorporate the above club.

By Mr. Whiteside: Of the City of Medicine Hat, for an Act to amend the charter of the City of Medicine Hat.

By Mr. Lessard: Of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Alberta, for an Act incorporating them under the name of The Graduate Nurses Association of Alberta.

By Mr. Stauffer, for Mr. Gunn: Of the Northern Commercial Company, Limited, for an Act to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in this Province.

By Mr. Puffer: Of the Pelican Oil & Gas Company, Limited, for an Act to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in this Province.

Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain) asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. McLean:

Q. (1) Did one named O'Brien, convicted of murder and sent to the Fort Saskatchewan Jail, make an escape therefrom?

A. Yes.

Q. (2) When was such escape made by him?

A. October 28th, 1915.

Q. (3) What were the circumstances of the escape as reported to the Government?

A. Prisoner scaled the wall.

Q. (4) To whose negligence was the escape attributed?

A. The guard in charge.

Q. (5) Has this O'Brien been apprehended and placed in custody?

A. No.

Moved by Mr. Ewing, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

The names of all persons employed as Agents or Counsel for the Attorney General since January 1st, 1915, and the total amount paid to each during such period.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Mr. Ewing:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

That return be brought down for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 giving the following information:

1. Name and style of each criminal case ordered for trial in the Supreme Court that was dismissed or struck off the list.

2. Name, amount, date of conviction and nature of penalty in the matter of defalcations by government employees during the above named period.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Mr. Ewing:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

That return be brought down showing in tabulation for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 the following information:

1. Total amount of municipal hail insurance written.

2. Total amount of premium paid thereon.

3. The percentage of the total amount due, as represented by the total amount of premiums paid.

4. The total amount of losses paid.

5. The cost of the administration of the Act for the above named period.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

That return be brought down showing in tabulation to date—

1. Districts and lands of same covered by the Wild Lands Tax.

2. The amount of revenue receivable therefrom.

3. The actual revenue received from this source to date.

4. The cost of the administration of the Act to date.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Mr. Patterson (Macleod):

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

1. Has this Government or any of its Ministers from time to time retained the services of the Thiel Detective Agency?

2. What were the names, amounts, and dates of payment for such services during 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain), seconded by Mr. Crawford:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

1. When did Elmer Ainsworth enter the employ of the Government?

2. What was the nature of the services performed by him?

3. What was his time in months, weeks or days, during the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

4. What amounts did he receive by way of salary for the periods above stated?

5. In addition to salary what amounts did he receive from the Government for expense money during the above stated period?

6. What amounts were included in expense money, or in any case paid to him for automobile hire during the above stated periods?

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. McLean have leave to introduce Bill No. 16, An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Taber Transit Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That Mr. Tweedie have leave to introduce Bill No. 12, An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Calgary.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That Mr. Tweedie have leave to introduce Bill No. 5, An Act to incorporate the United Assurance Company of Canada.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Marshall have leave to introduce Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Vital Statistics.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 1, An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That the Speaker do now leave the chair and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be Granted to His Majesty.

A debate followed.

Mr. Crawford moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the House return to the Order of the Day for Questions put by Members.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

Q. 1. What is the total amount of revenue received from the Unearned Increment Tax to date?

A. \$83,758.50.

Q. 2. What is the cost to date of the administration of the Act?

<i>Edmonton Land Titles Office—</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Cost</i>
F. L. Day, one-tenth of time....	\$1,800.00	\$180.00
Wm. R. Wilson, one-tenth of time	2,400.00	240.00
Wm. McAdams, all of time....	1,800.00	1,800.00
Expenses.....		304.80

<i>Calgary Land Titles Office—</i>		
F. Whitercroft.....	\$1,200.00	1,200.00
F. H. Benney.....	1,020.00	1,020.00

Cost, March 1, 1915, to March 1, 1916.....	4,744.80
Cost, October 25, 1913, to March 1, 1915	12,375.22

\$17,120.02

Mr. Weidenhammer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Gariepy:

Q. 1. Is there a man named Scott in the employ of the Department of Municipal Affairs?

A. No.

Q. 2. If so, in what capacity?

A. See above.

Q. 3. On whose recommendation?

A. On that of the Minister, one Scott was employed for part of years 1914 and 1915.

Q. 4. What salary was he paid?

A. \$75.00 per month.

Q. 5. Where was he employed from June, 1914, to March, 1915?

A. In the Department.

Q. 6. What were his duties?

A. Clerk.

Mr. Hoadley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Gariepy:

Q. 1. Have any municipal hail insurance losses for years 1913, 1914 and 1915 been paid by municipalities with promissory notes instead of currency?

A. We have no information.

Q. 2. If so, what are names of municipalities, dates and amounts of such promissory notes?

A. We have no information.

Q. 3. Were any such promissory notes presented during above period to the respective municipalities making the same in payment of taxes in such municipalities?

A. We have no information.

Q. 4. If so, were all, or any such promissory notes refused acceptance in payment of taxes in the respective municipalities?

A. We have no information.

The business of the Municipal Hail Insurance District is dealt with entirely by the Hail Insurance Board. This board is controlled by the representatives of the municipalities that form the district.

Ordered, That the House return to the Order of the Day for Presenting Petitions.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Turgeon: Of the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, and the City of Edmonton, for an Act confirming By-law 662 of the City of Edmonton.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A return to an Order of the House dated this day, respecting Elmer Ainsworth, an employee of the Government.

(*Sessional Paper No. 4.*)

Mr. Turgeon moved, seconded by Mr. McColl:

Whereas, under section 301 of the Criminal Code everyone is guilty of an indictable offense and liable for life imprisonment and to be whipped who carnally knows any girl under the age of fourteen years not being his wife, whether he believes her to be over or above that age or not;

And whereas, under section 211 of the said Code everyone is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to two years' imprisonment who seduces or has illicit connection with any girl of previously chaste character of or above the age of fourteen years and under the age of sixteen years;

And whereas it is desirable in the opinion of this House to raise the age limit;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Dominion Government be requested to amend said section 301 by raising the age limit from fourteen to sixteen years and to amend said Section 211 by raising the age limit from sixteen to twenty-one years;

That a copy hereof be transmitted to the Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

A debate arose, and the motion being again put,

It was unanimously agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, respecting Drainage, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Dr. Campbell (Ponoka) reported further progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Gariepy, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House, the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the year 1915.

(*Sessional Paper No. 5.*)

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Gunn: Of the Village of Lakeview for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the said Village.

The following petitions were read and received:

For an Act to ratify and confirm By-law 663 of the City of Edmonton.

For an Act to amend the Acts relating to the City of Red Deer.

For an Act confirming By-law 662 of the City of Edmonton.

For an Act to authorize the Pelican Oil and Gas Company, Limited, to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in the Province.

For an Act incorporating the Graduate Nurses' Association of Alberta, under the name of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Alberta.

For an Act to authorize Oscar Dayton Weeks, of Cardston, to practise as a Physician in this Province.

For an Act to amend Ordinance 34 of 1891-92, being an Act to incorporate the Ranchmen's Club of Calgary.

For an Act to ratify and confirm the Tax Enforcement Return of the Rural Municipality of Beddington, No. 250.

For an Act to authorize the Northern Commercial Company, Limited, to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in the Province.

For an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Medicine Hat.

For an Act incorporating the Canmore Railway Company.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 5, An Act to incorporate the United Assurance Company of Canada,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 12, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances of the City of Calgary,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 16, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being An Act to incorporate The Taber Transit Company,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

Continued debate on the motion:

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Mr. Michener moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Hail Insurance."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the fourth annual report of the Department of Railways and Telephones, from January 1st to December 31st, 1915. *(Sessional Paper No. 6.)*

The following petition was read and received:

For an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering a resolution respecting a Bill to raise money on the credit of the Province of Alberta.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting the raising of \$2,000,000 on the credit of the Province, and after some time

spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Stauffer reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That—

1. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is hereby authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding Two Million Dollars for any or all of the following purposes, that is to say: For the public service, for the covering of any debt of the Province on Open Account; for paying any floating indebtedness of the Province; for the purpose of carrying on public work authorized by the Legislature; and for the satisfaction or discharge of any obligation of the Province, and for such other purposes as may be authorized by the Legislature;

2. The aforesaid sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding fifty years at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and shall be raised upon the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Alberta and shall be chargeable thereon.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill for raising money on the credit of the General Revenue of Alberta.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow.

Continued debate on the motion:

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Stewart, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House dated March 7th, 1916, respecting Black Mud Creek. *(Sessional Paper No. 7.)*

The following petition was read and received:
For an Act to incorporate the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Association of Alberta.

Mr. Puffer, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

1. That with respect to the petition for an Act to incorporate the Alberta Association of Graduate Nurses (Bill No. 6);
2. That with respect to the petition for an Act to validate and confirm By-law 662 of the City of Edmonton and The Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited (Bill No. 7);
3. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter (Bill No. 9);
4. That with respect to the petition for an Act to incorporate the Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America (Bill No. 13);
5. That with respect to the petition for an Act to validate and confirm By-law 663 of the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Power Company, Limited (Bill No. 17);
6. That with respect to the petition for an Act respecting the Town of High River (Bill No. 21);
7. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend Ordinance 34 of 1891-92, being An Act to incorporate the Ranchmen's Club of Calgary (Bill No. 24);
8. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Medicine Hat City Charter (Bill No. 28),

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with regard to advertising and payment of fees have been fully complied with, and recommends that leave be granted to introduce said Bills.

The Committee begs to further report as follows:

That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview (Bill No. 32),

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House respecting payment of fees have been fully complied with, but that the Rules with regard to advertising have been only partially complied with; but upon consideration the Committee finds it expedient that the Rules be suspended and that leave be granted to introduce said Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received and concurred in.

Dr. Stanley asked the Hon. Mr. Sifton if a certain statement in an Edmonton newspaper regarding the intention of the Government to introduce legislation this Session for the sale of light wines and low percentage beer was correct.

The Hon. Mr. Sifton replied that it was not correct.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. Has an inventory by practical investigation of the physical assets of the telephone system been taken or made during the past twelve months?

A. Yes. Started in 1914, completed December, 1915.

2. Q. Has the telephone system been turned over to the Public Utilities Commission?

A. No.

3. Q. If so, to what extent?

A. Answered by number 2.

4. Q. What is the full jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission re the telephone system?

A. As provided in Statute, same as though telephone system was owned by a company.

5. Q. What relation does Mr. Harmer, the Deputy Minister, bear to the Public Utilities Commission?

A. Same as he would if manager of a private telephone company.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. Was the establishment of the London Agency made in conjunction with the Province of Saskatchewan?

A. No.

2. Q. If so, does this joint agreement still obtain?

A. Answered by number 1.

3. Q. If there is such agreement for joint service, what is the proportion of salary and expense paid by the Province of Alberta?

A. Answered by Number 1.

Mr. R. E. Campbell asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

1. Q. How many rescue cars are now in operation?

A. Two cars and five stations.

2. Q. What was—

(a) Cost of cars?

(b) Cost of equipment?

A. (a) \$5,545.70.

(b) \$23,057.47.

3. Q. What has been paid to date in—

(a) Salaries?

(b) Other expenses?

A. (a) \$13,876.83.

(b) \$4,860.42.

4. Q. Has the Government compiled a stated course of instruction?

A. Yes.

5. Q. If so—

(a) Who are the instructors?

(b) How many students have been enrolled under each?

A. (a) Duncan McDonald, Henry James, W. B. Powell,
Jas. Stewart, Ira C. Callander.
(b) Duncan McDonald, 190; Henry James, 153; W. B.
Powell, 55; Jas. Stewart, 15; Ira C. Callander, 15.

6. Q. How many have completed courses under each?
A. Duncan McDonald, 158; Henry James, 56; W. B.
Powell, 17.

7. Q. Are certificates of efficiency issued, and if so--
(a) By whom?
(b) How many have been issued under each instructor?

A. (a) Chief Inspector of Mines.
(b) Duncan McDonald, 158; Henry James, 56; W. B.
Powell, 17.

Dr. Stanley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. Is it the intention of the Government at this Session to bring down Legislation re the collection of small debts?

A. No. The Supreme Court has not yet given judgment on validity of Act.

Dr. Stanley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Marshall:

1. Q. What steps have the Government taken to prevent importation into the Province of cattle affected with tuberculosis?

A. This matter was discussed with the Dominion Minister of Agriculture at the Conference of Provincial Ministers of Agriculture held in Ottawa, 1914, but the Dominion Department, while sympathetic to the proposal, was not prepared to go that far as yet.

2. Q. Have the Government entered upon any negotiations with the other provinces for the purpose of co-operating in this matter?

A. This matter was discussed at a meeting of the Western Canada Live Stock Union held in Victoria on October 28th, of last year, where the Departments of the four Western Provinces were represented, and a resolution was passed relating to the matter. For a report of the discussion see page 64 of the report of that meeting.

Mr. Hoadley asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

1. Q. What is the cost of construction of Trunk Road running westward from Stavely?

A. \$8,790.44.

2. Q. What is the length of same road?

A. Eighteen miles (approximately).

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:
 That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:
 1. What stock purchased from appropriations for "Purchase and Equipment of Demonstration Farms" has been sold during each of the following years, and what amount did such stock cost when purchased and what amount was received for same when sold—

- (a) 1912?
- (b) 1913?
- (c) 1914?
- (d) 1915?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. A. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Weidenhammer:

That an Order of the House do issue for a return showing,

1. How much money has been paid in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 in drilling wells in the Peace River Constituency? Where are the wells placed and how many of them are giving water?

2. How much money was spent on the Edson Trail in the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

3. How much money has been spent in each of the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 on the grade on the south side of the river at Dunvegan?

4. How much money has been spent on the main road between Beaver Lodge and Lake Saskatoon for the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

5. What is the amount of money that was spent on ferry at Peace River Crossing in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915?

6. How much money did the Government spend on the road between Reno and Peace River Crossing in 1915?

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Lessard have leave to introduce Bill No. 6, An Act to incorporate the Alberta Association of Graduate Nurses.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce Bill No. 7, An Act to validate and confirm By-law 662 of the City of Edmonton and the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Hoadley have leave to introduce Bill No. 9, An Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith have leave to introduce Bill No. 13, An Act to incorporate the Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Lessard have leave to introduce Bill No. 17, An Act to validate and confirm By-law 663 of the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Power Company, Limited.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Dr. Stanley have leave to introduce Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Town of High River.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Tweedie have leave to introduce Bill No. 24, An Act to amend Ordinance 34 of 1891-92, being An Act to incorporate the Ranchmen's Club of Calgary.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Whiteside have leave to introduce Bill No. 28, An Act to amend the Medicine Hat City Charter.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Ordered, That Mr. Gunn have leave to introduce Bill No. 32, An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider a resolution to amend The Corporations Taxation Act.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on a Resolution respecting An Act to amend The Corporations Taxation Act and amendments thereto, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Stauffer reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That—

It is expedient to amend The Corporations Taxation Act and amendments thereto in accordance with the attached draft Bill (Bill No. 36).

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The Resolution was accordingly read a Second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Corporations Taxation Act and amendments thereto."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Mr. Hoadley moved the adjournment of the House to direct the attention of the House to the operations of one Kurt Wageman, General Manager of the Northern America Exploration Company of Passaic, New Jersey, U.S.A., and other natives of Germany, in erecting a derrick and assembling boring machinery at Ponoka.

A debate followed.

By leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Boyle moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Chas. Stewart, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works of the Province of Alberta from January 1st to December 31st, 1915. *(Sessional Paper No. 8.)*

Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the Report from January 1st to December 31st, 1915, re Liquor License Administration.

(Sessional Paper No. 9.)

The following petition was presented:

By Dr. Stanley: Of the High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company, for an Act extending the time for construction of above railway.

The following petition was read and received:

For an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Edmonton.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 15, An Act respecting Women's Institutes,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 6, An Act to incorporate The Graduate Nurses of Alberta,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 7, An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, granting a Franchise to The Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, for supplying gas to the said city and inhabitants thereof, and to authorize the said company to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 9, An Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 13, An Act to incorporate The Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Alberta,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 17, An Act to validate and confirm a Certain By-law and Agreement authorized thereby, passed by the City of Edmonton,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Town of High River,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance No. 34 of 1891-92,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Stewart moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 9th, 1916, re Persons employed as Agents or Counsel for the Attorney General. (*Sessional Paper No. 10.*)

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 9th, 1916, giving the name and style of each criminal case ordered for trial in the Supreme Court that was dismissed or struck off the list for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915. *(Sessional Paper No. 11.)*

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 9th, 1916, re the Services of the Thiel Detective Agency. *(Sessional Paper No. 12.)*

The Hon. Mr. Gariepy, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 9th, 1916, re Municipal Hail Insurance. *(Sessional Paper No. 13.)*

The Hon. Mr. Gariepy, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 9th, 1916, re Wild Lands Tax Act. *(Sessional Paper No. 14.)*

The following petition was read and received:

For an Act to amend the Act extending the time for construction of the High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company.

Mr. Weidenhammer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Marshall:

Q. 1. From whom was the Shorthorn Milking Strain Bull purchased by the Minister of Agriculture for one of the Demonstration Farms?

A. Frank Cockshutt, Brantford, Ont.

Q. 2. What was the purchasing price for this animal?

A. \$2,000.00.

Q. 3. On which of the farms was he placed?

A. Sedgewick.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Q. 1. The number of telephone poles purchased in 1915?

A. 726.

Q. 2. The number of telephone poles used in construction during the year 1915?

A. 57,952.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

(a) The number of automobiles purchased each year to date for the use of the Government, together with the cost of same.

- (b) The numbers of such automobiles together with the cost of same, as distributed to the different departments.
- (c) The cost of upkeep and repairs for same as charged to the different departments each year.
- (d) The cost of gasoline, oil, etc., as charged to the different departments each year for use of such automobiles.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:
That the House do refer to the Committee on Public Accounts all matters in any way relating to the construction, maintenance and operation of the telephone system of the province.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 28, An Act to amend the Medicine Hat City Charter,
The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Sifton have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act for the relief of Volunteers and Reservists."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Gariepy have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Subdivisions."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Gariepy have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Village Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Gariepy have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Town Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Gariepy have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Rural Municipalities Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Gariepy have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Co-operative Hail Insurance Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Friday.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Hail Insurance,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Mr. Cote moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 5.45 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Puffer, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders begs to report as follows:

1. That with respect to the petition for an Act to incorporate the Canmore Railway Company (Bill No. 8);

2. That with respect to the petition for an Act to incorporate The Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Association of Alberta (Bill No. 19);

3. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Charter of the City of Edmonton (Bill No. 23);

4. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Acts relating to the City of Red Deer (Bill No. 25);

5. That with respect to the petition for an Act to authorize the Northern Commercial Company Limited, to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in the Province (Bill No. 26);

6. That with respect to the petition for an Act to authorize the Pelican Oil & Gas Company, Limited, to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in the Province (Bill No. 27);

7. That with respect to the petition for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company (Bill No. 37);

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with regard to advertising and payment of fees have been fully complied with, and recommends that leave be granted to introduce said Bills.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 12, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances relating to the City of Calgary, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The Hon. Mr. Gariepy moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Cross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Law."

The Hon. Mr. Sifton, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Cross, accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. McLean have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

By leave of the House Bill No. 10, "An Act for the Registration of a Change of Name," was withdrawn, and the following new Bill substituted:

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. McLean have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to Provide for a Change of Name."

The Hon. Mr. Sifton, for the Hon. Mr. McLean, accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Michener have leave to introduce Bill No. 25, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the City of Red Deer."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Puffer have leave to introduce Bill No. 27, "An Act to authorize the Pelican Oil & Gas Company, Limited, to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in the Province."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Dr. Stanley have leave to introduce Bill No. 37, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Puffer have leave to introduce Bill No. 19, "An Act to incorporate the Farmers' Hail Insurance Association of Alberta."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Gunn have leave to introduce Bill No. 26, "An Act to authorize the Northern Commercial Company, Limited, to construct certain Gas Pipe Lines and Works in the Province."

Mr. Puffer, in the absence of Mr. Gunn, accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain) have leave to introduce Bill No. 8, "An Act to incorporate the Canmore Railway Company."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Cross have leave to introduce Bill No. 23, "An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Edmonton."

The Hon. Mr. Sifton, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Cross, accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 35, "An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 32, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 25, "An Act to amend the Ordinance relating to the City of Red Deer,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 27, "An Act to authorize The Pelican Oil & Gas Company, Limited, to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 37, "An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1910 (Second Session), being An Act to incorporate High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 19, "An Act to incorporate The Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Association of Alberta,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 26, "An Act to authorize the Northern Commercial Company, Limited, to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 8, "An Act to incorporate the Canmore Railway Company,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on Railways.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Dr. Blow moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Puffer, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders begs to report as follows:

That with respect to the petition for an Act to ratify and confirm Tax Enforcement Return of the Rural Municipality of Beddington (Bill No. 29),

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House with regard to advertising and payment of fees have been fully complied with, and recommends that leave be granted to introduce said Bill.

The Committee begs to further report as follows:

That with respect to the petition for an Act to authorize Oscar Dayton Weeks to practise as a Physician (Bill No. 30),

The Committee finds that the Rules of the House respecting payment of fees have been fully complied with, but that the Rules with regard to advertising have not been complied with; but upon consideration the Committee finds it expedient that the Rules be suspended and that leave granted to introduce said Bill.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 9, An Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Weidenhammer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross for the Hon. Mr. McLean:

1. Q. Was there a man brought to the asylum at Ponoka on or about the month of May, 1914, named Donald Marsh?

A. Donald Marsh was committed to the Hospital for the Insane at Ponoka under warrant dated the 20th May, 1914.

2. Q. Did he possess any personal property or real estate at the time he was taken to the asylum?

A. The report received from the Justice of the Peace who took the case stated that Marsh had a homestead near Ronan, not patented. The evidence of Henry White, one of the witnesses, was to the effect that Marsh had been found in possession of a team of mules, a team of horses, a wagon, and a number of other articles proved to have been stolen. Marsh had in his possession a watch bearing a presentation inscription and a sum of \$5.05. In April, 1915, Mr. Weidenhammer communicated to the Provincial Treasurer information that Marsh had left with Henry White a team of horses.

3. Q. If he had, what steps were taken by the government in regard to this property—

(a) Was it sold by auction sale?

(b) What was the amount of money received out of his personal or real estate?

A. The said sum of \$5.05 was paid to the Provincial Secretary, to be applied towards payment of the expenses incurred in connection with Marsh's treatment. On the 16th April, 1915, the Officer Commanding the R.N.W.M.P., Edmonton, was requested to investigate Mr. Weidenhammer's statement,

and on the 29th April, a report was received from such officer, stating that White was in possession of the team mentioned and also that certain loose effects at Marsh's homestead had been sold for payment of the taxes on the land. On May 11th, 1915, White called at the Department and stated that he had the team in his possession, and that they could be taken at any time. On the 15th May, 1915, the guardianship of the estate was delegated to the National Trust Company, Ltd., Edmonton, who subsequently sold the team, wagon and harness in Edmonton, by auction, the net proceeds after deducting auctioneer's charges being \$109.05. On the 4th August, 1914, Marsh's homestead was cancelled, and the sum of \$30.00 was received by the Dominion Land Agent from the new entrant as the value of improvements carried out by Marsh. On a re-valuation of the improvements, a further assessment may be made. Application for this sum of \$30.00 has been made by the guardians to the Dominion Land Office. The watch was handed over to the gentleman whose name is inscribed thereon.

4. Q. Did he have any live stock at the time he was taken to the asylum?

A. Answered above.

5. Q. What steps has the government taken in regard to his live stock?

A. Answered above.

6. Q. When was it sold or taken in possession by the government, and what was the amount received?

A. Answered above.

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

1. Q. How many insurance agents are licensed under the provisions of The Insurance Act?

A. 1,828.

2. Q. What was the total amount of fees collected from them for 1915?

A. \$9,829.00.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. By whom was the inventory of the physical assets of the telephone system taken or made as "started in 1914 and completed in 1915"?

A. By officials and employees.

2. Q. Was such inventory made by personal inspection of material assets by independent, qualified valuators, or by officials of the telephone system?

A. Answered by No. 1.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Dr. Stanley:
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Travelling and subsistence expenses—

(a) Of Ministers of the Government and of the London Agency, with names and amounts respectively, on all commissions or purposes of the government, undertaken without the Province, for the years 1905 to 1916 inclusive.

(b) Totals of same by years and the grand total.

2. Travelling and subsistence expenses—

(a) Of Ministers of the Government, with names and amounts respectively on all commissions or purposes of the government, undertaken within the Province for the years 1905 to 1916 inclusive.

(b) Totals of same by years and the grand total.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return setting forth:

(a) Each building on the different Demonstration Farms.

(b) The cost of each building.

(c) How each building was erected (whether by day work or tender).

(d) The name of the different tenderers, and the amount of each tender received and to whom contract was awarded in each case.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House, of this date, Mr. Crawford's. *(Sessional Paper No. 15.)*

Moved by Mr. R. E. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Crawford:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

All correspondence, applications, etc., relating in any way to the granting or refusal to grant a license or licenses to the Alberta Hotel, Vegreville.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House, dated March 9th, respecting Demonstration Farms. *(Sessional Paper No. 16.)*

Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House, dated March 2nd, 1916, respecting David King, Weed Inspector of Lethbridge. *(Sessional Paper No. 17.)*

Continued debate on the motion,
Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon.
Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Mr. Hillocks moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Glendenning, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills has fully considered Bill No. 24, An Act to amend The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance 34 of 1891-92, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

The Committee has also considered Bill No. 6, An Act to incorporate the Graduate Nurses of Alberta, and begs to report that they have referred the same to a Sub-Committee to report thereon.

The Committee has also considered Bill No. 19, An Act to incorporate the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Association of Alberta, and beg to report that the preamble of the Bill has not been proven.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Cote, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Railways begs to report as follows:

That with respect to Bill No. 16, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being An Act to incorporate The Taber Transit Company,

The Committee beg to report same.

That with respect to Bill No. 37, An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1910 (Second Session), being An Act to incorporate High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company,

The Committee beg to report same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Cross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Election Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Thursday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Stewart have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting certain School Lands in the Taber Irrigation District."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Thursday.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Marshall have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Stock Inspection Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Thursday.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Vital Statistics,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 40, An Act respecting Subdivisions,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Village Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 42, An Act to amend The Town Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 44, An Act to amend the Municipal Co-operative Hail Insurance Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 46, An Act to provide for a Change of Name,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That Mr. Tweedie have leave to introduce Bill No. 29, An Act to ratify and confirm Tax Enforcement Return of the Rural Municipality of Beddington.

Mr. Michener, for Mr. Tweedie, accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Thursday.

Ordered, That Mr. Woolf have leave to introduce Bill No. 30, An Act to authorize Oscar Dayton Weeks to practise as a Physician.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Thursday.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Mr. Hillocks moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Kemmis asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

1. Q. Did one Joseph A. Clarke give his note of hand to cover recognizances to the amount of \$400.00 to prosecute one Frank Heaton in Supreme Court in the Fall of 1915?

A. On the 27th April, 1915, Joseph A. Clarke entered into a recognizance before the police magistrate of the City of Edmonton in the sum of \$400.00, conditioned that he would prefer and prosecute a charge against the said Heaton at the next court of competent criminal jurisdiction.

2. Q. Has this note been paid by J. A. Clarke?

A. The amount of the bond has not been paid.

3. Q. If not, why not?

A. See answer to question 4.

4. Q. What steps have been taken to enforce payment?

A. On the 2nd October, 1915, on Clarke withdrawing the charge, an order was obtained from His Honour Judge Taylor in the District Court, Edmonton, estreating the said bond. The judgment of estreat is still standing but there is no property whereon to levy execution.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

1. Q. What is the expenditure on the Parliament Buildings Grounds to date as by years, and in the total?

A. 1907.....	\$ 2,338.03
1908.....	2,108.06
1909.....	4,106.28
1910.....	3,946.22
1911.....	24,568.83
1912.....	25,735.56
1913.....	7,590.23
1914.....	18,545.18
1915.....	18,644.77
1916.....	527.73
 Total.....	 \$108,011.89

The above includes the erection of the retaining wall and Seventh Street approach.

2. Q. Who has had the practical supervision of the work in each year?

A. This work has been done under the personal supervision of Mr. John Stocks, the Deputy Minister.

3. Q. What class of labour was employed, common or expert?

A. Both.

4. Q. Who is going to supervise the work to be done this year?

A. Provincial Architect.

5. Q. Have any plans been made and estimates submitted by qualified landscape gardeners?

A. Yes.

6. Q. What amount does the Government consider necessary to complete these grounds?

A. Paving.....	\$ 36,000.00
Laying out grounds, planting shrubs, trees, etc.....	50,000.00
Eighth Street approach.....	100,000.00

Total..... \$186,000.00

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

Mr. Hoadley moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the House return to the Order of the Day. (Public Bills and Orders.)

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Succession Duties Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 17, An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreements authorized thereby, passed by the City of Edmonton; Bill No. 25, An Act to amend the Ordinances and Acts relating to the City of Red Deer; and Bill No. 28, An Act to amend the Medicine Hat Charter, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Smith, for Mr. Glendenning, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 13, An Act to incorporate The Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Cross have leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Capacity of Companies."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 43, "An Act to amend The Rural Municipalities Act,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 47, "An Act respecting certain School Lands in the Taber Irrigation District,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Mr. Hoadley, seconded by Mr. Tweedie:
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:
All accounts and vouchers for the purchase and sale of all horses and cattle received at or delivered from the Demonstration Farm and Agricultural School at Olds.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 23, "An Act to amend the Edmonton Charter and to validate certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee on Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 30, "An Act to authorize Oscar Dayton Weeks to practise Medicine and Surgery,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

Continued debate on the motion,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and that this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The debate continued.

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared the motion carried.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair.

(House in Committee of Supply.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported that some progress had been made, and asked for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That the names of Messieurs MacKay, Michener and Moffatt be added to the Public Accounts Committee.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6.30 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House, dated March 21st, 1916, respecting the Alberta Hotel, Vegreville.

(Sessional Paper No. 18.)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply.)

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House still in Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyle:

1. Q. Has the Department of Education taken measures to ascertain the number of children of school age in the unorganized school districts of the Province?

A. A school district does not come into existence until it is organized.

2. Q. If so, what are the districts, and the number of such children in each?

A. Answered by No. 1.

3. Q. Apart from cities and town districts, how many teachers both exclusively and partially are engaged in giving instruction to pupils above Grade VIII?

A. 46 in village and consolidated school districts. 93 in rural school districts.

4. Q. What is the total amount of extra grants paid on such account?

A. In the year 1915, \$200.00. The total amount of extra grant paid to school districts for work above Grade VIII where at least six pupils were in attendance but a room not exclusively set apart for such grade, \$520.00. Total extra grant paid to school districts for work above Grade VIII where one or more rooms were exclusively used for such purpose, \$9,075.00. Total amount of grant paid to towns and cities for technical education, \$3,198.75.

Mr. Kemmis asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

1. Q. Are the Parliament Buildings insured?

A. Yes.

2. Q. If so, how much and in what company?

A. (a) Against fire, \$320,000.00 in the following companies:

Union Assurance Society.

Fidelity Underwriters.

Quebec Fire.

Employers Liability.

Westchester Fire.

British & Canadian Underwriters.

National Union.

Western Assurance Company.

Norwich Union.

Guardian Assurance.

Insurance Company of North America.

Springfield Fire & Marine.

Atlas Assurance Company.

London Assurance Corporation.

Acadia Fire.

Rochester Underwriters.

Aetna Assurance Company.

Home Insurance Company of New York.

British Northwestern.

Delaware Underwriters.

American Insurance Company.

Phoenix of London.

Providence-Washington.

Continental Insurance Company.

British Crown.

Union Assurance Company of Paris.

Canada National.

Mercantile Fire Insurance Company.

North Empire Fire Insurance Company.

General Fire Insurance Company.

Fireman's Insurance Company.

Law Union and Rock.

Northern Assurance Company.

Yorkshire Insurance Company.

(b) Special war risk, \$2,000,000.00 in the following:

Lloyds of London.

Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Company.

3. Q. What is the total premium paid and at what rate?

A. (a) Fire premiums, \$3,405.43. Rate \$1.06 for 3 years.

(b) Special war risk premium, \$5,000.00. Rate 25 cents.

4. Q. Who were the local agents through whom the insurance was effected?

A. Julian Garret.

Robert Mays.

Wilkin & MacKinnon.

Henderson Agency.

Northern Investment Company.

Hegler & Sutcliffe.

Alberta Loan & Investment Company.

H. Milton Martin.

Lane & Searth.

Imperial Agencies.

Allan, Killam & McKay.

Canadian Agency.

R. W. Mayhew & Company.

F. C. Lowes & Company.

Sandeman, Cope & Company.

J. E. Hayes & Company.

McGeorge, Chauvin & Townshend.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 29, "An Act to ratify and confirm the Tax Enforcement Return of the Rural Municipality of Beddington,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee on Municipal Law.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply.)

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House still in Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 10.45 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 7, An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, granting a Franchise to The Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, for supplying gas to the said city and inhabitants thereof, and to authorize the said Company to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta; and Bill No. 32, An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview, being Chapter 39 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (Second Session), and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(House in Committee of Supply.)

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House still in Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Town of High River, and beg to report that the promoters have withdrawn the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Patterson (Macleod) asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Gariepy:

1. Q. How many assessors were appointed under The Wild Lands Tax Act?

A. Nine.

2. Q. What are their respective names and addresses?

A. A. E. Humphries..... 120 11th Street, Lethbridge, Alta.
 J. B. Robertson..... Stavely, Alta.
 Alex. Ross..... 608 5th Ave. West, Calgary, Alta.
 J. W. McBrine..... Castor, Alberta.
 J. B. Holden..... Vegreville, Alta.
 C. L. Farnum..... Ponoka, Alta.
 J. W. Morton..... Tofield, Alta.
 J. W. Chapman..... Edmonton, Alta.
 C. J. Corberand..... Edmonton, Alta.

3. Q. What was the amount of salary and expenses of each?

A.	Name	Salary	Total Expense of Levyng Assessment
A. E. Humphries.....	\$900.00	\$2,163.85	
J. B. Robertson.....	180.98	1,251.55	
Alex. Ross.....	828.50	1,365.65	
J. W. McBrine.....	328.50	1,015.88	
J. B. Holden.....	823.87	2,365.35	
C. L. Farnum.....	287.10	879.65	
J. W. Morton.....	341.19	458.70	
J. W. Chapman.....	900.00	1,294.05	
C. J. Corberand.....	783.87	642.15	

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

1. Q. What is the total amount of the Public Debt Sinking Fund to end of 1915?

A. (a) Principal..... \$190,721.32
 (b) Interest..... 4,666.55

2. Q. Is all the principal and interest invested in Alberta Government Bonds?

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A. All excepting small balances in bank on each account.	
3. Q. If so, give particulars?	
A. Province of Alberta 4% bonds.....	\$133,333.34
Province of Alberta 4½% bonds....	61,700.00
Imperial Bank of Canada, deposit at 3½%.....	354.53

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. What is the total amount of the Telephone Sinking Fund to end of 1915—

- (a) Principal?
- (b) Interest?

A. This is handled entirely by the Treasury Department as a part of the Public Debt Sinking Fund and included in the Treasury Department's statement.

2. Q. Is all the principal and interest invested in Alberta Government Bonds?

- A. Answered by above.
- 3. Q. If so, give particulars.
- A. Answered by above.

Mr. Archer asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

1. Q. How much money has been expended on the main trunk road from Edmonton to Calgary, in the following years:

- (a) 1911?
- (b) 1912?
- (c) 1913?
- (d) 1914?
- (e) 1915?

A. (a) \$4,959.31.
(b) \$29,622.64.
(c) \$18,489.60.
(d) \$14,401.08.
(e) \$13,438.35.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. Did the Government purchase a lot in Didsbury upon which to erect a Telephone Office?

A. The lot was purchased with the building already on it.

2. Q. If so, from whom was the lot purchased, and what was the price paid?

A. From John E. Leisemer, Didsbury. Price, \$550.00.

3. Q. What was the cost of the telephone office erected thereon?

A. Building included in purchase price above. Estimated value, \$200.00.

Moved by Mr. Michener, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The number of miles of railway constructed under each section of the schedule to Chapter 19 of 1911-12 Statutes, An Act to authorize certain securities of the Canadian Northern Western Railway Company.

2. Number of miles of grade now completed under each section of schedule.

3. The amount of bonds sold under each section of schedule.

4. The amount of bonds paid out to said railway company under each section of schedule.

5. The amount of money to the credit of the Provincial Treasurer in the bank on account of said railway company.

6. A map of Alberta showing the proposed lines under the different sections of the schedule, also indicating the amount completed under the sections of the schedule.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain):

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Weekly reports of foremen on following lines of telephone construction for the year 1912:

1. Strathcona to Millet.
2. Nevis to Castor.
3. Rural out of Tees.
4. Camrose and Kingman.
5. Kingman and Tofield.
6. Camrose and Meeting Creek.
7. Camrose and Bawlf.
8. Exchange at Camrose.
9. Hardisty and Provost.

Weekly reports of foremen on the Castor and Coronation line between May 20th and July 20th, 1912.

Weekly reports of foremen on the Ryley and Vegreville line between August 23rd and September 14th, 1912.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain):

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The amount of money spent in construction of rural lines—

- (a) In 1914.
- (b) In 1915.

2. The amount of money spent in the construction of toll lines—

- (a) In 1914.
- (b) In 1915.

3. Number of pounds of copper wire used from 1906 to 1909 inclusive—

- (a) In rural lines.
- (b) In toll lines.

4. Weight of iron used from 1906 to 1909 inclusive—
 - (a) In rural lines.
 - (b) In toll lines.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Mileage of rural lines built as follows:
 - (a) In 1906 to 1909 inclusive.
 - (b) In 1910.
 - (c) In 1911.
 - (d) In 1912.
 - (e) In 1913.
 - (f) In 1914.
 - (g) In 1915.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. Mileage of toll lines built as follows:
 - (a) In 1906 to 1909 inclusive.
 - (b) In 1910.
 - (c) In 1911.
 - (d) In 1912.
 - (e) In 1913.
 - (f) In 1914.
 - (g) In 1915.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Stanley:
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:
The number of telephone poles used each year under the
head of "maintenance," and where used.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:
That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What was the name or names of auditor or auditors
making examination and audit of Calgary Land Titles Office
accounts, day books, ledgers, cash books, etc., during the years
1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

2. How often was such audit and examination made by
such auditor or auditors per year?

3. What was the name or names of auditor or auditors
making examination and audit of the Edmonton Land Titles
Office accounts, day books, ledgers, cash books, etc., during
the years 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

4. How often was audit or examination made by such
auditor or auditors per year?

5. Upon whose recommendation were these auditors ap-
pointed?

6. Do they report detail of audit to the Provincial Treasurer or to the head of these offices, the Attorney General?

7. What were the total receipts from fees, etc., in the Calgary Land Titles Office in the years 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

8. What were the total receipts from fees, etc., in the Edmonton Land Titles Office in the years 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

9. What is the total amount paid out of Assurance funds for claims against the said funds, from 1905 to 1915 inclusive, in the Edmonton and Calgary offices respectively?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. When was liquor license granted to James Doyle for premises number 318 Fourth Avenue West, Calgary?

2. Date of transfer of the said license from James Doyle to the Normandie Hotel Company, Calgary.

3. Names of the individuals compsoing the Normandie Hotel Company.

4. To whom did Normandie Hotel Company transfer the said license and date of transfer?

5. How many convictions for infractions of The Liquor License Ordinance were recorded against—

(a) The said James Doyle?

(b) Normandie Hotel Company?

(c) Maloney & Thompson?

6. How many times was this liquor license suspended, and for how long a period?

7. When was license cancelled?

8. What was the cause of such cancellation?

9. Had complaints been lodged with the Department of the Attorney General by the Calgary police authorities and others, as to the character of the said hotel premises?

10. Were the proprietors convicted in the Calgary police court for keeping a house of prostitution and assignation during the years 1914 or 1915?

11. Did public officials of this government make this hotel premises their headquarters in 1913, 1914 and 1915?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Dr. Stanley:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What salary is paid to W. A. Deyl, Deputy Registrar of the Edmonton Land Titles Office?

2. What is the yearly salary of W. A. Deyl, clerk in the Edmonton Land Titles Office?

3. Is R. W. Deyl a son of W. A. Deyl, Deputy Registrar?

4. How many months was W. A. Deyl absent from duty as Deputy Registrar during the year 1914?

5. What months was he absent?

6. What special duties were assigned to him by the Attorney General during the months of absence?

7. What duties were assigned to W. A. Deyl in the Calgary Land Titles Office in 1914 and 1915?

8. How long a time was W. A. Deyl employed in the Calgary Land Titles Office during 1914, 1915 and 1916, and what were the dates?

9. Was it upon instructions from W. A. Deyl that the services of certain employees in the Calgary Land Titles Office were dispensed with in the months of April, 1915, and February, 1916?

10. If not upon instructions from the said W. A. Deyl, upon whose instructions was the reduction in staff made?

11. What was the date of the appointment of W. A. Deyl, Deputy Registrar of the Edmonton Land Titles Office?

12. Was the appointment of W. A. Deyl, Deputy Registrar of the Edmonton Land Titles Office, made upon the recommendation of the Hon. C. R. Mitchell, the Provincial Treasurer?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Dr. Stanley:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What amount was paid for salary, services and expenses to D. J. McNamara, Inspector of Land Titles Offices, in 1913?

2. How many inspections of the Calgary Land Titles Office were made by the inspector in 1913?

3. What were the dates of such inspections, and over what periods did they extend?

4. How many months leave of absence were granted to the inspector in 1913?

5. How many days were spent by the inspector in July, 1913, investigating conditions in the Calgary Land Titles Office, upon the disappearance of a number of cash books?

6. What amount was paid for salary, services and expenses to the inspector in 1914?

7. How many inspections of the Calgary Land Titles Office were made by the inspector in 1914?

8. What were the dates of such inspection, and over what period did they extend?

9. How many months leave of absence were granted to the inspector in 1914?

10. Where was the office of the said inspector located during the years 1913 and 1914?

11. Who is now performing the duties of Inspector of Land Titles Offices?

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(*House in Committee of Supply.*)

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House still in Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Puffer reported further progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Glendenning, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 6, "An Act to incorporate the Graduate Nurses of Alberta," and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:

That the Committee recommend that this Bill be reprinted before presentation for Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(*House in Committee of Supply.*)

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House still in Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Cote, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Railways begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 8, "An Act to incorporate the Canmore Railway Company," and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

The Hon. Mr. Sifton, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House, dated March 30th, 1916, respecting the Canadian Northern Western Railway Company. *(Sessional Paper No. 19.)*

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions, and the same were read as follows:

Supplementary Estimates, 1915.

1. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1915 the following sum to defray the expenses of the Public Debt: Forty-three Thousand and Ninety-three Dollars and Ninety-five Cents (\$43,093.95).

2. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1915 the following sum to defray the expenses of Civil Government: Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$26,538.75).

3. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1915 the following sum to defray the expenses of Education: Ninety Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-one Dollars and Six Cents (\$90,651.06).

4. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1915 the following sum to defray the expenses of Agriculture and Statistics: Eighty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-three Dollars and Ninety-seven Cents (\$85,923.97).

5. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1915 the following sum to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous: Sixty-six Thousand and Eighty-two Dollars and Ninety-four Cents (\$66,082.94).

6. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1915 the following sum to defray the expenses of the Telephone Department: Seventy-one Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-seven Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$71,657.13).

Supplementary Estimates, 1917.

1. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of the Public Debt: Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$230,000.00).

2. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Civil Government: One Hundred and Thirty Thousand One Hundred and Ten Dollars and No Cents (\$130,110.00).

3. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Legislation: One Hundred and Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$102,250.00).

4. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice: One Hundred and Seventy-four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars and No Cents (\$174,635.00).

5. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Public Works: Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$200,000.00).

6. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Education: Three Hundred and Forty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$347,900.00).

7. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Agriculture and Statistics: Two Hundred and Thirty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$232,750.00).

8. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Hospitals, Charities and Public Health: Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$50,250.00).

9. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Telephones: Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$250,000.00).

10. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Public Institutions: Seventy-one Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$71,500.00).

11. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Municipal Affairs: Five Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$5,650.00).

12. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1917 the following sum to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous: Twenty-three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$23,000.00).

Estimates, 1916.

1. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of the Public Debt: Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and no Cents (\$950,000.00).

2. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Civil Government: Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$520,440.00).

3. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Legislation: One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars and No Cents (\$113,875.00).

4. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice: Seven Hundred and Fifty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Dollars and No Cents (\$754,920.00).

5. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Public Works: One Million Five Hundred and Ninety-eight Thousand and Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,598,040.00).

6. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Education: One Million and Forty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten Dollars and No Cents (\$1,044,710.00).

7. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Agriculture and Statistics: Five Hundred and Eighty-six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$586,500.00).

8. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Dairy Work: Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$250,000.00).

9. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Hospitals, Charities and Public Health: One Hundred and Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$114,500.00).

10. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Telephones: One Million Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,230,000.00).

11. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Public Institutions: Two Hundred and Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$237,000.00).

12. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Municipal Affairs: Twenty-two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$22,650.00).

13. Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the services of 1916 the following sum to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous: Eighty-six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$86,000.00).

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The said Resolutions were then twice read and agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

Ordered, That this House resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions, and the same were read as follows:

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sum be granted out of the General Revenue of the Province for the financial year ending December 31st, 1915: Three Hundred and Eighty-three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$383,-947.80).

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sum be granted out of the General Revenue of the Province for the first three months of the financial year ending December 31st, 1917: One Million Eight Hundred and Eighteen Thousand and Forty-five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,818,045.00).

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty the following sum be granted out of the General Revenue of the Province for the financial year ending December 31st, 1916: Seven Million Five Hundred and Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars and No Cents (\$7,508,-635.00).

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The said resolutions were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1915, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1916, and for the Three Months ending the Thirty-first day of March, 1917.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Turgeon, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 30, "An Act to authorize Oscar Dayton Weeks to Practise Medicine and Surgery," and begs to report that the preamble of the Bill has not been proven.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Whiteside, as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, read the following:

Extract from Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, Tuesday Morning, April 4, 1916.

"The question arose as to whether or not Mr. Grierson, a former employee of the Telephone Department, should be called before the committee to give certain evidence as to the workings of the department whilst he was an employee, the discussion being a continuance of one started at the meeting of this committee on March 31st last.

"MR. TWEEDIE: The Chairman says he will not call him. I would like to know whether this Committee will call him. I move this Committee instruct the Chairman to summons Mr. Grierson.

"MR. GARIEPY: I move an amendment to that motion that the whole matter be referred to the House.

"MR. MITCHELL: I second that.

"The Chairman puts it to the Committee and the amendment was declared carried."

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That, The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee be instructed to call James Grierson as a witness.

Mr. Tweedie moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Michener:

By adding after the word Grierson "and any other person whether in the employ of the Government or not, whom any Member of the Committee may desire to have summoned before the Committee".

The amendment being put Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.

Kemmis.

Ewing.
 Michener.
 Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).
 Crawford.
 Archer.
 Patterson (Peace River). 11

Against the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle.
 Gariepy.
 Marshall.
 Cross.
 Sifton.
 Mitchell.
 Stewart.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 MacDonald.
 Campbell (Ponoka)
 Smith.
 Puffer.
 Woolf.
 Pingle.
 McColl.
 Whiteside.
 McArthur.
 Shaw.
 Lessard.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 McNaughton.
 Tobin.
 Montgomery.
 Shandro.

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Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.

The amendment was therefore lost, and

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it."

The motion was therefore carried.

Dr. Stanley moved the adjournment of the House and made the following statement and charges:

"I beg leave to move the adjournment of the House in order to bring before the Legislative Assembly of this Province a matter that demands immediate consideration.

"In doing this it becomes necessary to refer to certain facts that are expressed by a matter of record of the seventh day of March, 1916, and which are as follows:

"1. On that date certain charges were made by myself, having an implied reference to the Department of the Honourable the Attorney General.

"2. The statements of the Premier, and consequently of the Government, on that occasion were to the effect that such charges were improperly made, constitutionally considered, inasmuch as they were not specific in their purport and did not name a Minister of the Crown or any individual, and that when charges specific as to purport and to person were made, the Government would be pleased to consider the appointment of a Royal Commission, or any other proper means, with the fullest freedom on the part of His Majesty's loyal Opposition in the matter of investigation and in the matter of selection of counsel for the same.

"3. A vote being then taken, the motion for the investigation of the charges then made was lost, and by this vote the statement of the Premier was ratified and the attitude of the Government sustained.

"Therefore, I, George Douglas Stanley, a Member of this House, standing in my place in this House, and on my responsibility as a Member of this House, do hereby declare and charge:

"1. That the Honourable the Attorney General, namely, C. W. Cross, has been and is guilty of corrupt practices in office in one or all of the following particulars:

"(a) That licensees, being such under The Liquor License Ordinance, of this Province, have paid under duress, large sums of money to agents of the Attorney General for election purposes, and that the Honourable the Attorney General, namely, C. W. Cross, was cognizant thereof and a party thereto.

"(b) That licensees of this Province have paid large sums of money to the agents of the Attorney General for the purpose of obtaining unlawful concessions in matters governed by The Liquor License Ordinance, and that the Honourable the Attorney General was cognizant thereof and a party thereto.

"(c) That licensees of this Province have paid large sums of money to the agents of the Attorney General for the purpose of stifling or unjustly abandoning prosecutions under The Liquor License Ordinance, and that the Honourable the Attorney General, namely, C. W. Cross, was cognizant thereof and a party thereto.

"(d) That certain licensees of this Province have paid a large sum of money to the agents of the Attorney General for the purpose of securing immunity from the threats and coercion of such agents and further extortions in the matter of privileges granted under The Liquor License Ordinance, and that the Honourable the Attorney General, namely, C. W. Cross, was cognizant thereof and a party thereto.

"Having performed this duty I now request the Honourable the Premier of this Province, to take such steps as are necessary that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Commission consisting of three Justices of the Supreme Court of Alberta to make full investigation of the charge of corrupt practices in office now laid against the Honourable C. W. Cross and to make enquiry into the administration of the Liquor

License Branch of the Department of the Attorney General in reference to each and every matter named in the said charge, and that the said Commission shall have the authority and all the powers mentioned in Section 2 of the Act respecting Enquiries Concerning Public Matters, being Chapter 2 of the Statutes of Alberta of 1908, and in addition to such authority and powers all such jurisdiction, authority and powers as they would have if acting as Justices of the Supreme Court of Alberta in relation to a cause or matter in the said Court, and that the said Commission shall select counsel to assist in the conduct of the said investigation and enquiry, reserving to themselves the privilege, if they should deem it advisable in the public interests, to permit the services of counsel other than that selected by themselves, and further upon conclusion of the said investigation and enquiry the said Commission shall make a report in respect of the matter charged to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the information of the Legislative Assembly of this Province."

By leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

1. Q. When was Wilford Forbes, Registrar of the South Alberta Land Registration District, appointed to the position of Registrar?

A. October 1st, 1909.

2. Q. What government position did he hold prior to his appointment as Registrar, and where?

A. Clerk of the Supreme Court at Wetaskiwin.

3. Q. What is his present salary?

A. \$3,000.00 per annum.

4. Q. What was his salary upon his appointment as Registrar?

A. \$2,500.00 per annum.

5. Q. Upon whose recommendation to the Executive Council was the increase in salary made, if any was made?

A. Upon the recommendation of C. R. Mitchell, Attorney General.

6. Q. What was the amount of increased salary made and date of Order in Council granting same?

A. By Order in Council of January 9th, 1911, salary was increased from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 per annum, to date from January 1st, 1911.

7. Q. Have cash books missing from the Calgary Land Titles Office in the year 1915 been found?

A. No.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

1. Q. Was J. E. Liesmere appointed a Provincial Detective in the year 1913?

A. No.

2. Q. If so, what was the date of his appointment, and what was his salary?

A. No.

3. Q. Is he still in the employ of the Government, and if not, when was his office vacated?

A. No.

Mr. Hillocks asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

1. Q. When was A. T. Kinnaird appointed Acting Deputy Registrar of the Calgary Land Titles Office?

A. February 1st, 1912.

2. Q. What government position did he hold prior to his appointment as Acting Deputy Registrar, and where?

A. Clerk of the District Court, at Wetaskiwin.

3. Q. What was his yearly salary and previous government employ, if previously employed by the government?

A. \$1,200.00 per annum.

4. Q. What was his yearly salary upon appointment as Acting Deputy Registrar?

A. \$1,680.00 per annum.

5. Q. What is his present salary per year?

A. \$1,920.00 per annum.

6. Q. Upon whose recommendation to the Executive Council was increase in salary made, if any was made, and date of same?

A. Upon recommendation of C. W. Cross, dated January 25th, 1915, to be effective January 1st, 1915.

7. Q. Is A. T. Kinnaird still Acting Deputy Registrar, or has his appointment as Deputy Registrar been confirmed? If so, upon whose recommendation to the Executive Council, and date of same?

A. A. T. Kinnaird is now Deputy Registrar, by recommendation of C. W. Cross, dated July 27th, 1915.

Dr. Stanley moved, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:

Whereas, under the provisions of "The Insanity Act," being chapter 7 of the Statutes of 1907, there is the possibility of grave injustices being done to those apprehended under the Act;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the said Act be amended, so that no person shall be legally declared insane, except upon the examination and concurring evidence of at least two qualified physicians of this Province, and that no person under examination for insanity, or legally declared insane, shall at any time be confined in any common jail or prison.

A debate followed, and the motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it."

The motion was declared lost.

Dr. Stanley moved, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:

Whereas it is essential to the welfare of the Province that patriotism of the national spirit be fostered in every possible manner and more particularly in our public schools;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Canadian ensign shall be continually displayed on mast at all Schools in the Province and that the Minister of Education shall instruct all school trustees throughout this Province to immediately provide facilities for the flying of the Canadian ensign.

A debate followed, and the motion being again put,
By leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Michener moved, seconded by Mr. Kemmis:

Whereas the growth and prosperity of the Province of Alberta are largely dependent upon the development of our agricultural resources;

And whereas such development is unduly retarded and restricted unless those engaged in agricultural pursuits are enabled to readily obtain the capital necessarily required for their operations upon reasonably satisfactory terms, both as to interest and to the time in which principal monies are to be repaid;

And whereas the growth of our urban centres as well as the industrial and commercial development of our Province are largely dependent upon the volume of farm production;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable—

That the Government of Alberta as soon as the necessary financial and other arrangements can be made, should bring into effect and operation a system of agricultural credits best adapted to the present needs and conditions existing throughout Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That all the words after "farm production" be struck out and the following inserted:

And whereas under the provisions of The British North America Act, banking legislation is exclusively within the power of the Federal Parliament;

And whereas the farmers of Alberta through their representatives have asked for amendments to the Banking Act providing better facilities for agricultural credit;

And whereas the Alberta Government informed said representatives that they were prepared to introduce supplementary legislation as requested along the line of co-operative loans;

And whereas it was considered by said representatives advisable not to introduce such supplementary legislation until they had an opportunity of seeing the extent of Federal legislation;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House the position taken by the Government of Alberta is in the best interests of the Province.

A debate followed.

The amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle.
 Gariepy.
 Marshall.
 Cross.
 Sifton.
 Mitchell.
 Stewart.
 McLean.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 MacDonald.
 MacKay.
 Campbell (Ponoka).
 Smith.
 Puffer.
 Gunn.
 McKenny.
 Woolf.
 Pingle.
 Whiteside.
 McArthur.
 Shaw.
 Lessard.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 McNaughton.
 Tobin.
 McCallum.
 Montgomery.
 Shandro.

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Hillocks.
 Stanley.
 Kemmis.
 Ewing.
 Michener.
 Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).
 Crawford.
 Blow.
 Archer.

Weidenhammer.

Patterson (Peace River). 13

Paired: Lieut. Walker and Major Lowery.

The amendment was therefore carried.

The motion as amended being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it."

The motion as amended was therefore carried.

Mr. Hoadley moved, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:

Whereas a great many rural districts are under disability because of the lack of telephone service; although in many cases there are residents near the main lines of the Government telephone systems; and

Whereas a great many farmers are willing to provide branch lines for the convenience of their own communities, provided they shall have the right of connecting the same with the Government telephone system and that their investment in these branch lines shall be protected by the Government on a rental basis;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that the Government make provision to extend their system of service to all farmers' branch lines, and that they take immediate steps to have the department co-operate with the farmers of the Province in the matter of the construction of such branch lines, so as to give a general service to all outlying rural districts.

Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line be struck out and the following inserted:

(Whereas) some rural districts are temporarily under disability because of the lack of rural telephone service; and

Whereas the residents of a few outlying districts have expressed a desire to construct small mutually owned local systems;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House the Government should give their regular interchange service with such farmers' branch lines, when same are constructed in accordance with the standard specifications of the Government telephone system and extended to a point where practical physical connection can be made.

A debate followed.

The amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it."

The amendment was therefore carried.

The motion as amended being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it."

The motion as amended was therefore carried.

Mr. Michener moved, seconded by Mr. Ewing:

Whereas there are thousands of the electors of this Province enlisted in the military service of the Empire, who are now

removed, or are subject at all times to removal from the place or constituency where only, according to "The Alberta Election Act," they may exercise the right of franchise;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable:

That the Government at this Session of the Legislature bring in an amendment to "The Alberta Election Act," being Chapter Three of the Statutes of 1909, so as to provide that all electors separated from their constituencies by the obligations of military service shall have the right of exercising their privileges of franchise at the places where stationed at the time of a general election, and that their votes shall be taken as of and for their respective constituencies;

Or in the alternative:

If it should not be convenient for the Government at this Session of the Legislature to make provision as above stated, that, in the event of a general election being called previous to a regular session of the Legislature, the Government shall proclaim and call a special Session of the Legislature without remuneration to the members thereof, for the purpose of enacting legislation to provide facilities for all electors of this Province in the military service of the Empire to exercise their rights of franchise at their stations of service and as of and for their respective constituencies.

A debate followed.

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.

Kemmis.

Ewing.

Michener.

Tweedie.

Hoadley.

Patterson (Macleod).

Crawford.

Blow.

Archer.

Weidenhammer.

Patterson (Peace River). 13

Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.

Cross.

Sifton.

Mitchell.

Stewart.

McLean.

Cote.

Moffatt.

Leffingwell.
 MacDonald.
 MacKay.
 Campbell (Ponoka).
 Smith.
 Puffer.
 Gunn.
 McKenny.
 Woolf.
 McColl.
 Whiteside.
 McArthur.
 Shaw.
 Lessard.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 McNaughton.
 Tobin.
 McCallum.
 Montgomery.
 Shandro.

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Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.
 The motion was therefore lost.

Mr. Ewing moved, seconded by Mr. Michener:

Whereas, the efficiency of Civil Service is greatly depreciated by a patronage system of appointments; and

Whereas, it is notorious in the history of governments that the patronage system of appointments to Civil Service has not only lent itself to inefficiency but as well to political manipulation and consequent corruption in public affairs;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House the Government should adopt a system of Civil Service for this Province that shall be based solely upon qualification and merit and permanently maintained independent of political party influence.

The Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That all the words after "Whereas" in the first line be struck out and the following inserted:

Differences of opinion have always existed as to the relative merits of the bureaucratic and other systems of appointment to Civil Service;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House appointments and promotions in the Civil Service of the Province of Alberta should continue to be based solely upon qualifications and merit, and permanently maintained independent of political party influences.

A debate followed.

Mr. Hoadley moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Turgeon, for Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 29, "An Act to validate and confirm the Assessment Roll and Tax Roll of the Rural Municipality of Beddington No. 250," and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:

"That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires."

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House, that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Dr. Campbell reported the following resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a Second time.

The said resolution was accordingly read a Second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill, "An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time to-morrow, Thursday.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 39, "An Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 51, "An Act respecting the Capacity of Companies,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 34, "An Act for raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue of Alberta,"

A debate followed.

The motion being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.
Marshall.
Cross.
Sifton.
Stewart.
McLean.
Cote.
Moffatt.
Leffingwell.
Shaw.
Lessard.
MacKay.
Campbell.
Puffer.
McKenny.
Woolf.
Pingle.
McColl.
Whiteside.
McNaughton.
Turgeon.
Tobin.
McCallum.
Montgomery.
Shandro.
MacDonald.
Boudreau.

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Against the motion:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.
Kemmis.
Ewing.
Michener.
Tweedie.
Hoadley.
Patterson (Macleod).

Crawford.

Campbell (Rocky Mountain).

Blow.

Archer.

Weidenhammer.

Patterson (Peace River). 14

Paired: Lieut. Walker and Major Lowery.

The motion was therefore carried.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 20, "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1915, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1916, and for Three Months ending the Thirty-first day of March, 1917,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, respecting Drainage, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Puffer reported that some progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, "An Act to amend The Statute Law."

It being six o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1916, 8 P.M.

House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 14, "An Act to amend the Statute Law," and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported that some progress had been made, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. Hillocks, seconded by Dr. Stanley:

Whereas the cost of maintaining hospitals has greatly increased, and such institutions are being maintained in many parts of the Province with great difficulty;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the present government allowances of Twenty-five cents (25c) per

patient be raised to the sum of Thirty-five cents (35c) for paying, and Fifty cents (50c) for non-paying patients, per hospital day.

A debate followed, and the motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it."

The motion was declared lost.

Continued debate on the following motion:

Mr. Ewing moved, seconded by Mr. Michener,

Whereas, the efficiency of Civil Service is greatly depreciated by a patronage system of appointments; and

Whereas, it is notorious in the history of governments that the patronage system of appointments to Civil Service has not only lent itself to inefficiency but as well to political manipulation and consequent corruption in public affairs;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House the Government should adopt a system of Civil Service for this Province that shall be based solely upon qualification and merit and permanently maintained independent of political party influence.

The Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That all the words after "Whereas" in the first line be struck out and the following inserted:

Differences of opinion have always existed as to the relative merits of the bureaucratic and other systems of appointment to Civil Service;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House appointments and promotions in the Civil Service of the Province of Alberta should continue to be based solely upon qualifications and merit, and permanently maintained independent of political party influences.

The debate continued.

Mr. Patterson (Macleod) moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. The total amount at the credit of the Assurance Fund established for the purpose of protecting the Government against claims under the Torren's System.

2. To what use is the Fund at present put?

3. Is the fund credited with any interest each year?

4. What amount has been received from the Calgary and Edmonton Land Registration Districts, respectively, for each of the years 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

5. What claims have been paid out of the fund in each of the years mentioned in question 4, giving the number and amount of the claims for each year?

6. What official of the Province receives and considers the claims against the Assurance Fund?

7. Are claims following errors promptly adjusted with the claimants, to save them unnecessary trouble, expense and annoyance through the error which has occasioned such claim?

8. Have any cases been brought to the attention of the department where adjustments have been delayed, and why?

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Patterson (Macleod), seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. All orders for sale granted by Registrars of Land Titles Offices at Calgary and Edmonton of property in Calgary and Edmonton since Act came into force.

2. All orders for sale granted by Judges or Masters in Chambers for Calgary and Edmonton properties in same period.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House dated April 5th, 1916, respecting Assurance Fund established for the purpose of protecting the Government against claims under the Torren's System. *(Sessional Paper No. 20.)*

Mr. Smith, for Mr. Glendenning, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 5, "An Act to incorporate the United Assurance Company of Canada," and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

The Committee has also fully considered Bill No. 26, "An Act to authorize the Northern Commercial Company, Limited, to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta," and Bill No. 27, "An Act to authorize the Pelican Oil & Gas Company, Limited, to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta," and begs to report that the preamble of the Bills has not been proven.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Michener asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Gariepy:

1. Q. Is the south half of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-eight (38), Range Twenty-seven (27), west of the 4th Meridian assessed under The Wild Lands Tax Act? If not, why not?

A. This land was not assessed under The Wild Lands Tax Act, the assessor evidently being of the opinion that it was not assessable because of it being shown as subdivided land.

2. Q. Is the north-west quarter of Section 19, Township 38, Range 27, west of the 4th Meridian assessed under The Wild Lands Tax Act? If not, why not?

A. This land was not assessed under The Wild Lands Tax Act, the assessor evidently being of the opinion that it was not assessable because of it being shown as subdivided land.

3. Q. Is the south-east quarter of Section 19, Township 38, Range 27, west of the 4th Meridian assessed under The Wild Lands Tax Act? If not, why not?

A. This land was assessed in the year 1915, such land having been shown as acreage.

Mr. Patterson (Macleod) asked the Government the following question, of which he had given notice, and which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

1. Q. What was the occupation of P. Tomkins before he was employed as Pool Room Inspector, described under contingencies, page 62, Public Accounts, 1914?

A. Agent of Dominion Lands at Grouard, and afterwards carried on a general agency business.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. When the Government advances money for railway construction under the provisions of the Guarantee Acts, does it demand a detailed statement of the cost of the right-of-way?

A. No. Inspecting engineer always satisfies himself that the prices shown for right-of-way are fair and reasonable.

2. Q. What action is taken by the Government to see that parties from whom such right-of-way has been purchased have been paid for same?

A. When complaints of unreasonable delay in payment are received, department has always been able to secure fairly prompt settlement.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. What is the mileage length of the rural telephone line running south from Irma?

A. 2½ miles.

2. Q. What is the cost of the said line?
A. \$421.93.
3. Q. When was this line completed?
A. January 9th, 1911.
4. Q. How many subscribers are on the said line?
A. One subscriber was connected.
5. Q. What is the actual revenue derived therefrom each year?
A. 1911, \$35.00 rental.
1912, \$35.00 rental.
1913, \$17.50 rental.
1914, \$ 3.55 line rental from October 26th.
1915, \$20.00 line rental.

Note.—This line was built to enable the settlers along the G.T.P. to reach a doctor in cases of emergency; was used as a rural line during 1911, 1912 and the first six months of 1913. On October 26th, 1914, this line was rented to another doctor as a portion of a private line between his farm and his office in Irma, for which we receive the regular excess mileage rate for rental.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. R. E. Campbell: That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing: All the old telephone material, such as poles, cross-arms and other material that have been disposed of up to the present time, showing in each case who received such materials and the purchase price received for same; and whether this material was sold by tender or otherwise.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. R. E. Campbell: That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing: The value of stock on the various Demonstration Farms on January 1st, 1916, and how such is made up.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. R. E. Campbell: That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:
1. What is the total value of grain, hay and other feed on the Demonstration Farms as at January 1st, 1916, and how such total is made up?

2. From whom were the steers purchased for the Demonstration Farms, and what price per head was paid for the same, and how were same paid for—

- (a) 1914?
- (b) 1915?

The motion was agreed to.

Continued debate on the following motion:

Mr. Ewing moved, seconded by Mr. Michener,

Whereas, the efficiency of Civil Service is greatly depreciated by a patronage system of appointments, and

Whereas, it is notorious in the history of governments that the patronage system of appointments to Civil Service has not only lent itself to inefficiency but as well to political manipulation and consequent corruption in public affairs;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House the Government should adopt a system of Civil Service for this Province that shall be based solely upon qualifications and merit and permanently maintained independent of political party influence.

The Hon. Mr. Sifton moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That all the words after "Whereas" in the first line be struck out and the following inserted:

Differences of opinion have always existed as to the relative merits of the bureaucratic and other systems of appointment to Civil Service;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House appointments and promotions in the Civil Service of the Province of Alberta, should continue to be based solely upon qualifications and merit, and permanently maintained independent of political party influences.

The debate continued.

Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain) moved, seconded by Mr. Kemmis, the following amendment to the amendment:

That the words "continue to" in the third line from the end of the amendment be struck out.

A debate followed,

And Mr. Campbell's amendment to the amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it."

Mr. Campbell's amendment to the amendment was therefore lost.

Mr. Hillocks moved, seconded by Mr. Stanley, the following amendment to the amendment:

Resolved, That all words of the amendment after the word "merit" be struck out, and that the following be inserted:

"And that legislation should be enacted respecting the Civil Service of the Province of Alberta, which shall include the terms "qualifications and merit" with a definite interpretation of the same, as well as a specified penalty or penalties to be applied to any civil servant who might be found guilty of using his office in a department of the Government for political party purposes."

A debate followed,

And Mr. Hillocks' amendment to the amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment to the amendment:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.

Kemmis.

Ewing.

Michener.

Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).
 Crawford.
 Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
 Blow.
 Archer.
 Weidenhammer.
 Patterson (Peace River). 14

Against the amendment to the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.
 Sifton.
 Mitchell.
 Stewart.
 McNaughton.
 Campbell (Ponoka).
 Puffer.
 MacKay.
 Gunn.
 McKenny.
 Woolf.
 Pingle.
 McColl.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 Shaw.
 Lessard.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 Whiteside.
 McArthur.
 McCallum.
 Montgomery.
 MacDonald.
 Shandro.
 Tobin.

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Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.

Mr. Hillocks' amendment to the amendment was therefore lost.

Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Archer, the following amendment to the amendment:

That the following words be added to the amendment:

That in the opinion of this House the Ministers of the Government should be censured for permitting and encouraging their employees in taking an active part in politics and political campaigns.

A debate followed,

And Mr. Crawford's amendment to the amendment being put Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it."

Mr. Crawford's amendment to the amendment was therefore lost.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker left the chair.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1916, 8 P.M.

Continued debate on Mr. Ewing's motion.

The amendment of the Hon. Mr. Sifton being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle.

Sifton.
Mitchell.
Stewart.
McLean.
McNaughton.
Campbell (Ponoka).
Smith.
Puffer.
MacKay.
Gunn.
Woolf.
McColl.
Moffatt.
Leffingwell.
Lessard.
Glendenning.
Turgeon.
Whiteside.
McArthur.
Montgomery.
Tobin.

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Against the amendment:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.
Kemmis.
Ewing.
Michener.
Tweedie.
Hoadley.
Patterson (Macleod).
Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
Blow.
Archer.

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Paired: Lieut. Walker and Major Lowery.

The amendment to the motion was therefore carried.

The motion as amended being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion as amended:

Messieurs Boyle.

Sifton.
Mitchell.
Stewart.
McLean.
McNaughton.
Campbell (Ponoka).
Smith.
Puffer.
MacKay.
Gunn.
Woolf.
McColl.
Moffatt.
Leffingwell.
Lessard.
Glendenning.
Turgeon.
Whiteside.
McArthur.
Montgomery.
Tobin.

22

Against the motion as amended:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.
Kemmis.
Ewing.
Michener.
Tweedie.
Hoadley.
Patterson (Macleod).
Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
Blow.
Archer.

11

Paired: Lieut. Walker and Major Lowery.
The motion as amended was therefore carried.

Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain) moved, seconded by Mr. Ewing:

That whereas the Government of the Province of Alberta has guaranteed the bonds of the A. & G. W. Railway to the extent of \$7,400,000, which guarantee stands as a debt against the credit of this Province; and

Whereas by reason of the said guarantee the A. & G. W. has been enabled to proceed with the construction of their railway lines; and

Whereas in the agreement with the said railway company there was inserted a clause guaranteeing fair wages to the employees of said company; and

Whereas the said company has not only failed to pay fair wages, but have been extortionate in their demand for goods sold to employees on the construction of said lines; and

Whereas the Minister of Railways has failed to enforce the said fair wage clause;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House the Minister of Railways has been neglectful of his duties and open to the censure of this House.

A debate followed.

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.
Kemmis.
Ewing.
Michener.
Tweedie.
Hoadley.
Patterson (Macleod).
Crawford.
Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
Archer.
Weidenhammer.

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Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.

Sifton.
Mitchell.
Stewart.
McLean.
McNaughton.
Campbell (Ponoka).
Smith.
Puffer.
MacKay.
Gunn.
Woolf.
McColl.
Cote.
Moffatt.
Leffingwell.
Shaw.
Lessard.
Glendenning.
Turgeon.
Whiteside.
McArthur.
Montgomery.
Tobin.

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The motion was therefore declared lost.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of Bill No. 31, "An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 38, "An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 4, respecting Drainage, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Glendenning reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 11, respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Glendenning reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Puffer for Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has had under further consideration Bill No. 12, "An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinance relating to the City of Calgary," and begs to report the same with further amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Hon. Mr. Boyle, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the Tenth Annual Report of the Department of Education for the year 1915. (*Sessional Paper No. 21.*)

The Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 24, 1916, re the purchase and sale of

stock received at or delivered from the Demonstration Farm and Agricultural School at Olds. (*Sessional Paper No. 22.*)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Boyle, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Gariepy:

That the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:

"That it is desirable that legislation be introduced to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The School Grants Act and The Truancy Act."

The Hon. Mr. Boyle, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House, that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Glendenning reported the following resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is desirable that legislation be introduced to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The School Grants Act and The Truancy Act."

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Boyle have leave to introduce a Bill, "An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act and The School Grants Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time on Monday next.

Moved by Mr. Michener, seconded by Mr. Tweedie:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing in tabulation:

The amount, date of sale, rate of interest, price net to Province, amount net to Province, through whom negotiated, to whom sold, commission, exchange and any other charges with respect to each sale of provincial securities since the formation of the Province of Alberta.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Michener, seconded by Mr. Tweedie:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing in tabulation:

The amount, date of sale, rate of interest, net price, net sums deposited to credit of Provincial Treasurer, through whom negotiated, to whom sold, commission, exchange and any other charges with respect to each sale of railway securities guaranteed by the Province since the formation of the Province of Alberta.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 20, respecting the granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Years ending respectively the thirty-first day of December, 1915, and the thirty-first day of December, 1916, and for the three months ending the thirty-first day of March, 1917, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 11, respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, respecting Hail Insurance.

It being 6 o'clock Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

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House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, respecting Hail Insurance, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Turgeon reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 46, to provide for a Change of Name, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Turgeon reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 35, to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Turgeon reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 40, respecting Subdivisions, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Turgeon reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The Hon. Mr. Stewart, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House, a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 14, 1916, re wells in the Peace River Constituency.

(*Sessional Paper No. 23.*)

The House adjourned at 10.15 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 18, "An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act and The School Grants Act,"

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 4, "An Act respecting Drainage,"

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Drainage."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 46, "An Act to provide for a Change of Name,"

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for a Change of Name."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 40, "An Act respecting Subdivisions,"

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Subdivisions."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 20, "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums

of Money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1915, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1916, and for the Three Months ending the Thirty-first day of March, 1917."

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1915, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1916, and for the Three Months ending the Thirty-first day of March, 1917."

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

That the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:

That it is desirable that legislation should be introduced to impose a tax on theatres, of not less than one cent nor more than twenty-five cents for each admission.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the Executive Council, then stated to the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported the following resolution, and the same was read as follows:

Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to impose a tax on theatres of not less than one cent nor more than twenty-five cents for each admission.

Ordered, That the resolution be now read a Second time.

The said resolution was accordingly read a Second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill, "An Act to provide for the Taxation of Theatre Goers."

He accordingly presented the said Bill, and the same was received and read a First time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time, to-morrow, Tuesday.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Marshall:

That the Library Committee be composed as follows:

The Honourable the Speaker, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Messieurs Campbell (Ponoka), Ewing and Michener.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 39, respecting the relief of

Volunteers and Reservists, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 34, for raising money on the Credit of the General Revenue of Alberta, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Tuesday.

It being 6 o'clock Mr. Speaker left the chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 51, respecting the Capacity of Companies, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Tuesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 35, to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Tuesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 15, respecting Women's Institutes, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Tuesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 38, for the Prevention and Suppression of Fire, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Tuesday.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Tweedie asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

1. Q. What articles were purchased by the Government from G. H. V. Bulyea since the formation of the province?

A. No articles were purchased. Mr. Bulyea was repaid the cost price of following articles paid for by him for use at Government House.

OCTOBER 1ST, 1915.

20 vols. International Library of Famous Literature, half Mor.....	\$80.00
40 vols. World's Great Classics, Cl. 2 Oct.....	80.00
25 vols. Collection of Orations from Homer to McKinley, half 1.....	25.00
20 vols. Makers of History, half 1, 5 in. x 7½ in.....	20.00
20 vols. Makers of Canada, Cl.....	56.00
20 vols. Beaconsfield's Works, Cl. Empire Edition.....	45.00
9 vols. Bulwer's Works, Cl. III.....	9.00
10 vols. World's History and Its Makers, half Mor. III.....	11.75
9 vols. Modern Eloquence, half Mor.	26.00
	\$352.75

OCTOBER 1ST, 1915.

1 Landau.....	\$1,325.00
1 Set Heavy Harness for Landau.....	138.00
2 Wolverine Robes.....	300.00
2 Light Lap Robes.....	4.00
2 Heavy Lap Robes.....	8.00
Coachman's Livery.....	105.00
	1,880.00

OCTOBER 1ST, 1915.

Kitchen Utensils.....	\$5.05
	5.05

TOTAL..... \$2,237.80

2. Q. Were any articles purchased from him by or for the University?

A. No.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Marshall:

1. Q. How many pounds of milk have been shipped to the Edmonton dairies in 1915 from the various Demonstration Farms?

A. Stony Plain Farm 91,539 lbs.

Vermilion Farm 33,526 lbs.

2. Q. What amount of money has been received for cream sold to the Edmonton dairies in 1915?

A. \$2,560.62.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following question, of which he had given notice, and which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marshall:

1. Q. Has any person (or persons) ever received any commission or remuneration for purchasing steers for the Demonstration Farms? If so, who, and what amount was paid in each case?

A. Sedgewick: \$44.00 (\$1.00 per head), paid T. Curley, 1913.

Claresholm: \$61.00 (\$1.00 per head), paid P. Burns & Company, 1913.

Olds: \$96.00 (\$1.00 per head), paid P. Burns & Company, 1913.

Sedgewick: \$100.00 (\$1.00 per head), paid P. Burns & Company, 1912.

Olds: \$70.50 (\$1.50 per head), paid P. Burns & Company, 1914.

Mr. R. Patterson asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell and the Hon. Mr. Marshall:

1. Q. How is item "A. F. Grady, \$204.00," under heading "Court House, Macleod," page 70, Public Accounts, made up?

A. Insurance premium on Macleod Court House and contents.

2. Q. What were the professional services rendered by McDonald, Martin & McKenzie, amounting to \$125.30 under Sundries, Public Accounts, page 33, 1914?

A. Re collection of Local Improvement and Educational Taxes.

3. Q. What amounts were paid W. J. Stark as judge of horses, in salaries and expenses during the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915?

A. 1912, Services at \$7.00 per day for 26 days and railway fare, etc \$284.55
1913, Nil.

1914, Services at \$7.00 per day for 10 days and railway fare, etc.....	\$95.00
1915, Nil.	

Moved by Mr. Patterson (Macleod), seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing: A Return showing how travelling expenses of A. R. Souter, auditor in the Department of Municipal Affairs in 1914, of \$1,299.80 was made up.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Gariepy, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House:

A Return to an Order of the House of this date (Mr. R. Patterson's).
(*Sessional Paper No. 24.*)

Moved by Dr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Kimmis:

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

1. What telephone rentals or toll charges incurred through High River Exchange during the months of March and April, 1913, have been written off, or were still unpaid on March 31st, 1916.

2. What are the names of such debtors?

3. What are the exchange numbers of such debtors telephones.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 34, for raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue of Alberta,

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. Michener moved the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That all the words after "That" in the first line of the motion be struck out, and the following words be inserted:

"the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the term of proposed loan as set forth in Section 2 of Bill."

A debate followed.

The amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it."

The amendment was therefore lost.

And the motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it" and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.

Marshall.

Cross.

Sifton.
 Mitchell.
 Stewart.
 McLean.
 McNaughton.
 Campbell (Ponoka).
 MacKay.
 Gunn.
 Woolf.
 Pingle.
 McColl.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 Shaw.
 Lessard.
 Glendenning.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 Whiteside.
 McCallum.
 Montgomery.
 MacDonald.
 Shandro.
 Tobin.

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Against the motion:

Messieurs Stanley.
 Kemmis.
 Ewing.
 Michener.
 Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).
 Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
 Blow.
 Archer.
 Weidenhammer.

Patterson (Peace River). 12

The motion was therefore carried.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for raising Money on the Credit of the General Revenue of Alberta."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 51, An Act respecting the Capacity of Companies,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Capacity of Companies."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 15, An Act respecting Women's Institutes,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Women's Institutes."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 35, An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to appoint an Administrator of Lunatics' Estates."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 38, An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 48, An Act to amend The Election Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Succession Duties Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 22, respecting Vital Statistics, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, to amend The Village Act.

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

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House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, to amend The Village Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Turgeon reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 42, to amend The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act, and The School Grants Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

His Honour Robert George Brett, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, having entered the House and being seated on the Throne,

Mr. Speaker then said:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

“The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta in Session assembled approach Your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned loyalty and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance, a Bill intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Years ending respectively the Thirty-first day of December, 1915, and the Thirty-first day of December, 1916, and for the Three Months ending the Thirty-first day of March, 1917,” thus placing at the disposal of His Majesty the means by which the Government can be made efficient for the service and welfare of the Province of Alberta.”

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

“His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill in His Majesty's name.”

His Honour then retired from the House.

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 30th, 1916, re Edmonton Land Titles Office. *(Sessional Paper No. 25.)*

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 30th, 1916, re Calgary Land Titles Office. *(Sessional Paper No. 26.)*

The Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 21st, 1916, respecting Cost of Various Demonstration Farm Buildings. *(Sessional Paper No. 27.)*

The Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 6th, 1916, respecting price of Steers purchased for Demonstration Farms. *(Sessional Paper No. 28.)*

The Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 6th, 1916, respecting Value of Stock on the various Demonstration Farms. *(Sessional Paper No. 29.)*

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 22, An Act respecting Vital Statistics,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.
The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Vital Statistics."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 36, An Act to amend The Corporations Taxation Act and amendments thereto,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 53, An Act to provide for the Taxation of Theatre Goers,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and
Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 11, respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.
The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Thursday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act and The School Grants Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported further progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Thursday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 31, to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Thursday.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

That this House hears with deep regret of the death, while fighting the battles of the Empire, of a former Member, Mr. A. Bramley Moore, and expresses its deepest sympathy with his bereaved widow and family.

The motion was unanimously agreed to by a standing vote.

Hon. Mr. McLean, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House, the Annual Report of the Provincial Secretary for the year ended 31st December, 1915.

(*Sessional Paper No. 30.*)

Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 5th, 1916, showing orders for sale granted by Registrars of Land Titles Offices at Calgary and Edmonton.

(*Sessional Paper No. 31.*)

Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 6th, 1916, re value of grain, etc., on the Demonstration Farms. (*Balance of Sessional Paper No. 28.*)

Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain) asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

1. Q. Has coal from the Round Hill Collieries, Ltd., been used to heat Provincial buildings? If so—

- (a) Give names of buildings.
- (b) Amount used at each.
- (c) Cost per ton at mine in each case.
- (d) Cost per ton delivered at each place.

A. Yes.

<i>Name of Building</i>	<i>Amount used during 1915</i>	<i>Cost per ton at mine</i>	<i>Cost per ton delivered</i>
Edmonton Power House.....	86 tons	\$2.10	\$3.10
Fort Saskatchewan Jail.....	814 tons	1.95	2.95
Fort Saskatchewan Jail.....	188 tons	2.10	3.10
Olds Agricultural School.....	118 tons	2.50	4.70
Vermilion Agricultural School.	60 tons	2.75	4.60
Vermilion Agricultural School.	120 tons	2.50	4.35
Ponoka Asylum Buildings....	238 tons	2.50	4.45
Wetaskiwin Court House.....	60 tons	2.50	3.90

2. Q. Were tenders called for supply of aforesaid coal?

A. No.

Mr. Tweedie asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Cross:

1. Q. When did A. Mercer receive the appointment of Liquor License Inspector?

A. March 1st, 1914.

2. Q. What length of time did he act in that position?

A. Eighteen months.

3. Q. Is he now acting?

A. No.

4. Q. Did he draw salary for August, September and October, 1915?

A. For August, 1915.

5. Q. What is his salary?

A. Salary was \$100.00 per month.

6. Q. Has he received his salary continuously since his appointment?

A. Received salary from March 1st, 1914, to August 31st, 1915.

Mr. Crawford asked the Government the following questions, of which he had given notice, and which were answered by the Hon. Mr. Sifton:

1. Q. What are the different amounts and on what dates were such amounts paid, which go to make up \$1,118,448, being the amount paid on the Canadian Northern Western Railway guarantees on the Onoway-Pine Pass Branch?

A. September 15th, 1911.....	\$ 26,416.00
November 27th, 1912.....	780,784.00
October 29th, 1913.....	196,920.00
July 13th, 1913.....	79,632.00
December 22nd, 1915.....	34,696.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,118,448.00

† Then C.N.R.

Moved by Dr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Hillocks:
Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that the Lieutenant Governor in Council be requested to appoint a Royal Commission to make full investigation of the charge of corrupt practices in office laid against the Honourable C. W. Cross, and to make enquiry into the administration of the Department of the Attorney General in reference to each and every matter named under the said charge; and that the said Commission shall have authority and all the powers mentioned in Section Two (2) of the "Act respecting Enquiries Concerning Public Matters", being Chapter Two (2) of the Statutes of Alberta of 1908, and, in addition to such authority and powers, all such jurisdiction, authority and powers as are held by the Supreme Court of Alberta in relation to a cause or matter in the said Court; and the said Commission shall select counsel to assist in the conduct of the said investigation and enquiry, reserving to themselves the privilege, should they deem it advisable in the public interests, to permit the service of counsel other than selected by themselves; and further, that upon the conclusion of the said investigation and enquiry, the said Commission shall make a report, in respect to the matter charged, to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the information of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

A debate followed.

The motion being again put Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.

Kemmis.

Ewing.

Michener.

Tweedie.

Hoadley.

Patterson (Macleod).

Crawford.

Campbell (Rocky Mountain).

Blow.

Archer.

Weidenhammer.

Patterson (Peace River). 14

Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.

Marshall.

Cross.

Sifton.

Mitchell.

Stewart.

McLean.

McNaughton.

Campbell (Ponoka).

Smith.

Puffer.

MacKay.

Gunn.

McKenny.

Woolf.

Pingle.

McColl.

Cote.

Moffatt.

Leffingwell.

Shaw.

Lessard.

Glendenning.

Boudreau.

Whiteside.

McArthur.

Tobin.

McCallum.

Montgomery.

MacDonald.

Shandro.

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Paired: Lieut. Walker and Major Lowery.

The motion was therefore lost.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 11, An Act respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Beneficiaries under Life Insurance Policies."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 31, to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 42, to amend The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, to amend The Village Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

It being six o'clock Mr. Speaker left the chair.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 43, to amend The Rural Municipalities Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act, and The School Grants Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 47, respecting certain School Lands in the Taber Irrigation District, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 50, to amend The Succession Duties Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Friday.

The Hon. Mr. Cross, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 30th, 1916, re Liquor License granted to premises 318 Fourth Avenue West, Calgary.

(Sessional Paper No. 32.)

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Friday at 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker, from the Committee appointed to consider the proposed new Rules, submitted by the Clerk of the House, presented the following report:

Your Committee to whom has been entrusted the consideration of the draft rules of the House, edited and submitted by John R. Cowell, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, here-with submits the same for your consideration and approval, as finally adopted by your Committee, and states that after having held numerous meetings for the consideration of the various clauses, recommend the same for adoption by the Legislature.

The Committee desires to express its deep appreciation of the arduous labours of Mr. Cowell in connection with the preparation and editing of these Rules, involving as it did a comparison with the rules existing in the various Provincial Legislatures, and other Legislative bodies of the Empire, and acknowledges his extensive experience and expert knowledge in matters of this character, which enabled your Committee to confidently submit these Rules for your approval and adoption.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Smith, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Municipal Law begs to report as follows:

The Committee has fully considered Bill No. 23, An Act to amend The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and begs to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

"That when this House rises to-day it stands adjourned to Saturday at 3 o'clock."

A debate followed.

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it."

The motion was therefore carried.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 31, An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 42, An Act to amend The Town Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Town Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 41, An Act to amend The Village Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Village Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 43, An Act to amend The Rural Municipalities Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Rural Municipalities Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 18, An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act and The School Grants Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act and The School Grants Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 47, An Act respecting certain School Lands in the Taber Irrigation District,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Certain School Lands in the Taber Irrigation District."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Succession Duties Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Succession Duties Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 45, An Act to amend The Statute Law,

The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That Bill No. 14, to amend The Statute Law be withdrawn.

Ordered, That Bill No. 45 be substituted therefor.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 45, to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Saturday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 48, to amend The Election Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Saturday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 53, to provide for the Taxation of Theatre Goers, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Saturday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 39, for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Saturday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 36, to amend The Corporations Taxation Act.

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

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House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 36, to amend The Corporations Taxation Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, Saturday.

The House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock to Saturday at 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated April 7th, re Provincial Loans.

(Sessional Paper No. 33.)

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 48, An Act to amend The Alberta Election Act,

The Hon. Mr. Cross moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. Michener moved the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Tweedie:

That the Bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of striking out the words, "within the Province" in the fourth line of Section two (2) thereof.

The amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it" and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.

Kemmis.

Ewing.

Michener.
 Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).
 Crawford.
 Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
 Archer.
 Weidenhammer.
 Patterson (Peace River). 13

Against the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle.
 Gariepy.
 Marshall.
 Cross.
 Sifton.
 Mitchell.
 McLean.
 McNaughton.
 Campbell (Ponoka).
 Smith.
 Puffer.
 MacKay.
 Gunn.
 Woolf.
 Pingle.
 McColl.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 Lessard.
 Glendenning.
 Boudreau.
 Turgeon.
 Whiteside.
 McArthur.
 Tobin.
 MacDonald. 27

Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.

The amendment was therefore lost.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Alberta Election Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 53, An Act to provide for the Taxation of Theatre Goers,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for the Taxation of Theatre Goers."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 39, An Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists."

The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of Bill No. 49, An Act to amend The Stock Inspection Act, The said Bill was accordingly read a Second time, and Ordered, To be referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 45, to amend The Statute Law.

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker entered the House and left the chair.

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House still in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 45, to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Dr. Campbell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned at 11.15 o'clock to Monday at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 4 o'clock.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 45, An Act to amend The Statute Law,

The Hon. Mr. Cross moved that the Bill be now read a Third time.

Mr. Tweedie moved the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Hoadley:

That this Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of striking out all the words after the word "follows" in the second line of Section 23 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"The Public Utilities Act, being Chapter 6 of the Statutes of 1915, is hereby declared not to be in force and shall not be brought into force until such time as this House by resolution shall authorize all persons authorized by Order in Council, to serve upon said Commission, and all persons employed by said Commission shall upon the coming into force of this clause be deemed to have been dismissed and all matters referred

to the said Commission prior to this date shall be dealt with by the various departments of the Government to which it is properly referable or to such department as from time to time may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council."

A debate followed.

The amendment being put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Ayes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.
Kemmis.
Ewing.
Michener.
Tweedie.
Hoadley.
Patterson (Macleod).

Crawford.
Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
Blow.
Archer.
Weidenhammer.
Patterson (Peace River). 14

Against the amendment:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.
Marshall.
Cross.
Sifton.
Mitchell.
Stewart.
McLean.

Campbell (Ponoka).

Smith.

Puffer.

MacKay.

Gunn.

McKenny.

Woolf.

Shaw.

Lessard.

Glendenning.

Boudreau.

Turgeon.

McArthur.

Pingle.

Cote.

Moffatt.

Leffingwell.

McNaughton.

Whiteside.

MacDonald.

Montgomery.

Tobin.

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Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.

The amendment was therefore lost.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Law."

Moved by Dr. Blow, seconded by Mr. Michener:

Be It Resolved: That in the opinion of this House:

1. There has been gross negligence on the part of the Minister of Railways in the administration of his Department, and a failure to protect and conserve the financial interests of the people of the Province with regard to railway construction; and

2. The bonds of railway corporations have been guaranteed by the Government, upon the advice of the Minister of Railways, without accurate information as to what should be the cost of such railways; and

3. The Minister of Railways has permitted the payment out of railway corporations of the proceeds of their guaranteed bonds in a reckless and negligent manner, and without due regard as to whether the claim of the said railway corporations as set forth in their progress estimates were according to facts, as to work done, material purchased or in store, and as to payments made on account of same; and

4. The Government has granted a loan of \$2,000,000 to The Central Canada Railway Company, the authorization of which was secured by misstatement of the facts in connection therewith to the Legislature; and

5. The Government upon the advice of the Minister of Railways has guaranteed the bonds of railway corporations for construction purposes in a sum greatly in excess per mile of the actual cost of constructing such roads;

Therefore it is advisable that the Lieutenant Governor in Council be requested to appoint a Royal Commission to make full investigation into railway construction in this Province as advanced under the various Statutes of the Province guaranteeing railway bonds, and to make enquiry into the administration of the Department of the Minister of Railways as to all matters in connection therewith; the said Commission to consist of two Judges of the Supreme Court of Alberta, who shall have power to select a competent railway engineer as a third member of the Commission; and that the said Commission so constituted shall have authority and all the powers mentioned in Section two (2) of "The Act Respecting Enquiries Concerning Public Matters," being Chapter two (2) of the Statutes of Alberta, 1908; and that the said Commission shall select Counsel to assist in the conduct of the said investigation and enquiry, reserving to themselves the privilege, should they deem it advisable in the public interests, to permit the service of Counsel other than that selected by themselves; and further, that upon

conclusion of the said investigation and enquiry, the said Commission shall make a report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the information of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

A debate followed.

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

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The debate continued.

The motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Hillocks.

Stanley.
Kemmis.
Ewing.
Michener.
Tweedie.
Hoadley.
Patterson (Macleod).
Crawford.
Campbell (Rocky Mountain).
Blow.
Archer.
Weidenhammer.
Patterson (Peace River). 14

Against the motion:

Messieurs Boyle.

Gariepy.
Marshall.
Cross.
Sifton.
Mitchell.
Stewart.
McLean.
Campbell (Ponoka).
Puffer.
MacKay.
Gunn.
McKenny.
Woolf.
Shaw.
Lessard.
Glendenning.
Boudreau.
Turgeon.
McArthur.

Pingle.
 McColl.
 Cote.
 Moffatt.
 Leffingwell.
 McNaughton.
 Whiteside.
 MacDonald.
 Shandro.
 Montgomery.
 Tobin. 31

Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.

The motion was therefore lost.

Moved by Mr. Campbell (Rocky Mountain), seconded by Mr. Crawford:

Be It Resolved:

That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that the Lieutenant Governor in Council be requested to appoint a Royal Commission to make full investigation into the conduct of the Hon. Arthur Lewis Sifton, the Hon. Charles R. Mitchell, the Hon. Wilfrid Gariepy, and the Department of the Attorney General, in that they have jointly and severally interfered with the due administration of justice in the Province of Alberta, and that the said Commission shall have authority and all the powers mentioned in Section two (2) of "The Act respecting Enquiries concerning Public Matters," being Chapter Two (2) of the Statutes of Alberta of 1908, and, in addition to such authority and powers, all such jurisdiction, authority and powers as are held by the Supreme Court of Alberta in relation to a cause or matter in the said Court; and the said Commission shall select Counsel to assist in the conduct of the said investigation and enquiry, reserving to themselves the privilege, should they deem it advisable in the public interests, to permit the service of Counsel other than that selected by themselves; and further, that upon the conclusion of the said investigation and enquiry, the said Commission shall make a report, in respect to the matter charged, to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the information of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

A debate followed.

And the motion being again put, Mr. Speaker declared "The Noes have it," and the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:

Messieurs Stanley.
 Kemmis.
 Ewing.
 Michener.
 Tweedie.
 Hoadley.
 Patterson (Macleod).

Crawford.	
Campbell (Rocky Mountain).	
Blow.	
Archer.	11
Against the motion:	
Messieurs Boyle.	
Gariepy.	
Marshall.	
Cross.	
Sifton.	
Mitchell.	
Stewart.	
McLean.	
Campbell (Ponoka).	
Puffer.	
MacKay.	
Gunn.	
McKenny.	
Woolf.	
Shaw.	
Lessard.	
Glendenning.	
Boudreau.	
Turgeon.	
McArthur.	
Pingle.	
McColl.	
Cote.	
Moffatt.	
Leffingwell.	
McNaughton.	
Whiteside.	
MacDonald.	
Shandro.	
Montgomery.	
Tobin.	31

Paired: Major Lowery and Lieut. Walker.

The motion was therefore declared lost.

The House adjourned at 11.50 o'clock to Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Marshall, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the House the Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1915. (*Sessional Paper No. 34.*)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 49, to amend The Stock Inspection Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 36, to amend The Corporations Taxation Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

It being 6 o'clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1916, 8 P.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 44, to amend The Municipal Co-operative Hail Insurance Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The Order of the Day being read for Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 33, An Act respecting Hail Insurance,

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That the Order be withdrawn and the Bill discharged.

The motion was agreed to.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 12, to amend the Acts and Ordinances relating to the City of Calgary, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 9, to amend The Lethbridge City Charter, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 24, to amend The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance No. 34 of 1891-92, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 16, to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being An Act to incorporate The Taber Transit Company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 37, to amend Chapter 51 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1910 (Second Session), being An Act to incorporate High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 17, to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreements authorized thereby, passed by the City of Edmonton, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 25, to amend the Ordinances and Acts

relating to the City of Red Deer, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 28, to amend the Medicine Hat Charter, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 13, to incorporate the Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 32, to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview, being Chapter 39 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (Second Session), and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 7, to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, granting a Franchise to the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, for supplying gas to the said City and inhabitants thereof, and to authorize the said Company to construct certain pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 6, to incorporate the Graduate Nurses of Alberta, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 8, to incorporate The Canmore Railway Company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 29, to validate and confirm the Assessment Roll and Tax Roll of the Rural Municipality of Beddington No. 250, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 5, to incorporate The United Assurance Company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 23, to amend The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Smith reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be now received

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Third time to-morrow, Wednesday.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 30th, 1916, re Auditors of Edmonton and Calgary Land Titles Offices. (*Sessional Paper No. 35.*)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That the name of Mr. Crawford be added to the Printing Committee in place of Major Lowery.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 11.30 o'clock to Wednesday at 11.30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1916.

The Speaker took the chair at 11.30 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House, dated March 16th, 1916, re Automobiles purchased by Government. (*Sessional Paper No. 36.*)

Mr. Whiteside, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee laid on the Table of the House the evidence taken before the several sittings of the Public Accounts Committee.

(*Sessional Paper No. 37.*)

Dr. Campbell, Chairman of the Printing Committee, presented the following report:

The Select Standing Committee on Printing begs to report as follows:

That the following documents be printed:

Returns Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, together with such other Returns of public importance as have been ordered during the Session, but have not yet been brought down, excepting Return ordered on the 9th day of March, 1916.

The Financial Statement of Provincial Treasurer for 1915.

The New Rules of the House.

Journals of the Session.

Statutes of the Session.

100 volumes of Journals of the House and Sessional Papers bound together.

The following Statutes in pamphlet form:

An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act to provide for Equal Suffrage.

An Act respecting Women's Institutes.

An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies.

An Act to provide for a Change of Name.

An Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists.

An Act to amend The Alberta Election Act.

An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires.

Such number of copies of the above and such departmental reports and other papers as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may deem necessary.

Evidence taken before Public Accounts Committee.

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to a Report presented by Mr. Whiteside, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee on April 4th, last, in which the names of certain members of the Committee were given as recording their votes on a motion submitted to them.

Ordered, That the names of the persons voting be struck out of the Report.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sifton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

That Mr. G. P. Smith be appointed Acting Deputy Speaker for this Session.

The motion was agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 49, An Act to amend The Stock Inspection Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Stock Inspection Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 36, An Act to amend The Corporations Taxation Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Corporations Taxation Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 44, An Act to amend The Municipal Co-operative Hail Insurance Act,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Co-operative Hail Insurance Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 12, An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances relating to the City of Calgary,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances relating to the City of Calgary."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 9, An Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend the Lethbridge City Charter."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 24, An Act to amend the Ranchmen's Club Ordinance No. 34 of 1891-92,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend the Ranchmen's Club Ordinance No. 34 of 1891-92."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 16, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being An Act to incorporate The Taber Transit Company,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being An Act to incorporate The Taber Transit Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 37 An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1910 (Second Session), being an Act to incorporate High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1910 (Second Session), being an Act to incorporate High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 17, An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreements authorized thereby, passed by the City of Edmonton,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreements authorized thereby, passed by the City of Edmonton."

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend the Ordinances and Acts relating to the City of Red Deer."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 28, An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 13, An Act to incorporate The Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The Hauges Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 7, An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, granting a Franchise to the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, for supplying gas to the said City and inhabitants thereof, and to authorize the said Company to construct certain pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, granting a Franchise to The Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, for supplying gas to the said City and inhabitants thereof, and to authorize the said Company to construct certain pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 32, An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview, being Chapter 39 of the Statutes of Alberta 1913 (Second Session),

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview, being Chapter 39 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (Second Session).

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 6, An Act to incorporate the Graduate Nurses of Alberta,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate the Graduate Nurses of Alberta."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 8, An Act to incorporate the Canmore Railway Company,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The Canmore Railway Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 29, An Act to validate and confirm the Assessment Roll and Tax Roll of the Rural Municipality of Beddington No. 250,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to validate and confirm the Assessment Roll and Tax Roll of the Rural Municipality of Beddington No. 250."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 5, An Act to incorporate The United Assurance Company,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The United Assurance Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the Third reading of Bill No. 23, An Act to amend The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a Third time.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton."

His Honour Robert George Brett, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, having entered the House and being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the titles to the Bills to be assented to as follows:

1. An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.
2. An Act to provide for Equal Suffrage.
3. An Act respecting Drainage.
4. An Act to incorporate The United Assurance Company.

5. An Act to incorporate the Graduate Nurses of Alberta.
6. An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, granting a Franchise to The Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, for supplying gas to the said city and inhabitants thereof, and to authorize the said Company to construct certain gas pipe lines and works in the Province of Alberta.
7. An Act to incorporate The Canmore Railway Company.
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12. An Act respecting Women's Institutes.
13. An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (First Session), being An Act to incorporate The Taber Transit Company.
14. An Act to validate and confirm a certain By-law and Agreements authorized thereby passed by the City of Edmonton.
15. An Act to amend The School Ordinance, The School Assessment Ordinance, The Truancy Act and The School Grants Act.
16. An Act respecting Vital Statistics.
17. An Act to amend The Edmonton Charter and to validate certain By-laws of the City of Edmonton.
18. An Act to amend The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance No. 34 of 1891-92.
19. An Act to amend The Ordinances and Acts relating to the City of Red Deer.
20. An Act to amend The Medicine Hat Charter.
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23. An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Village of Lakeview, being Chapter 39 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1913 (Second Session).
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41. An Act respecting The Capacity of Companies.
42. An Act to provide for the Taxation of Theatre Goers.

To these Bills the Royal assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

“In His Majesty’s name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA:

“It affords me much pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the result of your labours in this the Fourth Session of the Third Legislature of the Province.

“I have given my assent to the legislation you have enacted in the full assurance that it has been conceived and carried out in the best interests of the Province as a whole.

“You may be assured that the supplies you have voted for the needs of my administration for the period ending March 31st, 1917, will be used with wise economy. I thank you for your liberality in this regard and, in discharging you from further attendance, would assure you of my good wishes for the health and welfare of you all.”

The Hon. Mr. McLean then said:

“It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor’s will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be now prorogued and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.”

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